



Proceedings
of Grand : :
Chapter of
Royal Arch
Masons of
Alberta, 1920



MASONIC CALENDAR AND RULES FOR MASONIC DATES

ANCIENT CRAFT MASONRY—

Commence their era with the creation of the world, calling it Anno Lucis (A.L.) "in the year of Light." To get the present date add 4,000 years to the common era—1920 and 4,000 equal to 5,920.

ROYAL ARCH—

Date from the year in which the Temple was commenced by Zerubbable—Anno Inventionis (A. I.) "in the year of discovery." Add 530 to the vulgar era—1920 and 530 equal to 2,450.

SCOTTISH RITE—

Same as Ancient Craft Masonry—except the Jewish chronology is used—Anno Mundi (A.M.) "in the year of the world." To get the common era add 3,760, thus: 1920 and 3,760 equal to 5,680. After September add another year.

ROYAL AND SELECT MASTERS—

Date from the year in which the Temple of Solomon was completed—Anno Depositionis (A. Dep.) "in the year of the deposit." Add 1,000 to the common era, thus: 1920 and 1,000 equal to 2,920.

KNIGHTS TEMPLAR—

Commencing their era with the organization of their order Anno Ordinis (A. O.) "in the year of the Order." From the Christian era take 1,118, thus: 1920 less 1,118 equal to 802.

ORDER OF HIGH PRIESTHOOD—

Date from the year of the blessing of Abraham by the High Priest Melchisedek—Anno Benefacio (A. B.). To the Christian era add 1913; thus: 1920 and 1913 equal to 3,833.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE
Grand Chapter of
Royal Arch Masons of Alberta

AT THE

SIXTH
ANNUAL CONVOCATION
1920

HELD IN

The City of Calgary, Alberta

MARCH 10th and 11th, 1920



Yours faithfully,

Melvin M. Downey.

Grand Z. 1920

NINETEEN HUNDRED AND TWENTY

Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Alberta

Proceedings Sixth Annual Convocation

Minutes of the Proceedings of the Sixth Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Alberta, held in the City of Calgary, Province of Alberta, on the 10th and 11th days of March, A.D. 1920, A.I. 2450.

OFFICERS PRESENT

M. E. Comp. Melvin M. Downey	Grand Z.	} Grand Council
R. E. Comp. Norman T. Macleod	Grand H.	
R. E. Comp. Hiram Darling	Grand J.	
R. E. Comp. John E. Johnson	Grand Scribe E.	
R. E. Comp. E. C. Dunlop	Grand Scribe N.	
R. E. Comp. W. A. Mahaffy	Grand Prin. Sojourner	
R. E. Comp. A. W. R. Markley	Grand Treasurer	
R. E. Comp. Jesse Elliott	Grand Registrar	
R. E. Comp. W. J. Seed	Supt. 1st Masonic District	
R. E. Comp. W. E. Mercer	Supt. 2nd Masonic District	
R. E. Comp. W. H. Doty	Supt. 3rd Masonic District	
V. E. Comp. W. J. Stephenson	Grand Senior Sojourner	
V. E. Comp. R. H. Struthers	Grand Sword Bearer	
V. E. Comp. M. B. Peacock	Grand Dir. of Ceremonies	
V. E. Comp. W. A. Ackland	Grand Organist	
V. E. Comp. H. Macpherson	Grand Steward	
V. E. Comp. H. D. McMillan	Grand Steward	
Comp. F. W. Keyte	Grand Janitor	

PAST GRAND FIRST PRINCIPALS

M. E. Comp. Stephen Y. Taylor	1914
M. E. Comp. James N. Rankin	1915
M. E. Comp. Fred S. Watson	1916
M. E. Comp. Robert Patterson	1917

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES

M. E. Comp. F. S. Watson	Canada
R. E. Comp. T. C. Bruce	Colorado
M. E. Comp. S. Y. Taylor	Florida

R. E. Comp.	J. S. Morris	Idaho
R. E. Comp.	E. C. Dunlop	Illinois
M. E. Comp.	J. N. Rankin	Iowa
R. E. Comp.	J. E. Johnson	Louisiana
R. E. Comp.	F. S. Selwood	Maine
R. E. Comp.	W. E. Mercer	Maryland
V. E. Comp.	J. B. Sutherland	Missouri
M. E. Comp.	R. Patterson	Nebraska
V. E. Comp.	W. A. Ackland	New Brunswick
R. E. Comp.	Jesse Elliott	New Hampshire
R. E. Comp.	W. T. Coote	New Jersey
R. E. Comp.	T. Fred English	North Dakota
R. E. Comp.	H. Darling	Ohio
E. Comp.	G. Frank Butler	Quebec
E. Comp.	H. O. Haslam	Rhode Island
R. E. Comp.	N. T. Macleod	Tennessee
V. E. Comp.	R. C. MacDonald	Texas
M. E. Comp.	M. M. Downey	Vermont
R. E. Comp.	David McIntosh	Victoria
V. E. Comp.	W. J. Stephenson	Virginia
R. E. Comp.	A. W. R. Markley	Washington
R. E. Comp.	F. E. Nichol	Wyoming

A constitutional number of Chapters being represented by their qualified officers, the Sixth Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Alberta, was opened in AMPLE FORM at 10.30 o'clock a.m.

R. E. Comp. W. T. Coote, Chairman of the Committee on Credentials of Representatives, reported that there were twenty-one warranted Chapters and three Chapters under dispensation on the roll of Grand Chapter and that twenty warranted Chapters and the three Chapters U.D. were represented by the following delegates:

Alberta, No. 1, Calgary

M. E. Comp. J. N. Rankin, R. E. Comps. F. S. Selwood, T. F. English, V. E. Comps. H. H. Fletcher, M. B. Peacock, V. A. Bowes, E. Farley; Ex. Comps. A. H. Duff, W. D. Spence.

North Star, No. 2, Edmonton

M. E. Comp. F. S. Watson; R. E. Comps. H. Darling, W. A. Mahaffy, George B. McLeod; V. E. Comp. R. C. Macdonald; Ex. Comps. G. W. Elliott, P. R. Campbell, C. W. Coppock.

Assiniboia, No. 3, Medicine Hat

R. E. Comps. Jesse Elliott, W. H. Doty; Ex Comp. A. G. Finch.

Shekinah, No. 4, Lethbridge

R. E. Comp. N. T. Macleod; E. Comps. J. E. Rannard, F. S. Fetterley, T. C. Ridpath.

Golden West, No. 5, High River

E. Comp. W. E. M. Holmes.

Bekah, No. 7, Macleod

M. E. Comp. Robert Patterson; R. E. Comp. T. C. Bruce; V. E. Comp. J. B. Sutherland; E. Comp. S. Middleton.

Kether, No. 8, Pincher Creek

V. E. Comp. H. D. McMillan; E. Comp. J. J. Cameron.

Otuskwan, No. 9, Calgary

M. E. Comp. S. Y. Taylor; R. E. Comp. W. E. Mercer; V. E. Comps. W. A. Ackland, Gaius Allen; E. Comps. J. R. Flan, H. J. Cole, James Cleave.

Bow Valley, No. 10, Gleichen

V. E. Comp R. H. Struthers; E. Comps. T. W. Bates, R. P. Unibrite

Calgary, No. 11, Calgary

R. E. Comp. J. E. Johnson; V. E. Comp. H. Macpherson; E. Comps C. R. Wentzel, W. C. Black, E. G. Ironside.

Keystone, No. 12, Red Deer

R. E. Comp. W. T. Coote; V. E. Comp. W. J. Stephenson.

Capital City, No. 13, Edmonton

R. E. Comp. E. C. Dunlop; V. E. Comps. D. McIntosh, H. G. Jamieson; E. Comps. J. G. Morris, R. E. Thomson, W. M. McNab.

Vermilion, No. 14, Vermilion

R. E. Comp. W. J. Seed.

Hillvue, No. 15, Hillcrest

E. Comp. E. C. Macdonald.

Tau Cross, No. 16, Claresholm

V. E. Comp. H. M. Henderson; E. Comp. H. O. Haslam.

Mount Olivet, No. 17, Killam

R. E. Comp. F. E. Nichol; E. Comp. W. D. Graham.

Norwood, No. 18, Edmonton

V. E. Comp. David McIntosh.

The Hiram, No. 19, Youngstown

E. Comp. O. J. Cowin.

Banff, No. 20, Banff

E. Comp. R. L. McIlveen.

Strathmore, No. 21, Strathmore

E. Comps. G. F. Butler, H. W. B. Bell, R. Harland.

Joseph Stauffer, U.D., Didsbury

E. Comp. J. A. McGhee.

Coronation, U.D., Coronation

E. Comp. E. C. Locke.

Crescent, U.D., Calgary

M. E. Comp. M. M. Downey; V. E. Comp. G. L. Chesney; E. Comps. R. C. Rankin, H. C. Ritchie.

On motion of R. E. Comp. W. E. Mercer, seconded by R. E. Comp. E. C. Dnulop, it was

RESOLVED, That the report of the Committee on Credentials of Representatives be received and adopted.

The Most Excellent the Grand Z., granted permission for the admission of Royal Arch Masons, in good standing, as visitors.

DISTINGUISHED VISITORS

Comp. William J. Botterill, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Alberta, was introduced to the Grand Chapter by M. E. Comp. S. Y. Taylor.

M. E. Comp. Abraham Shaw, Past Grand Z., of the Grand Chapter of Canada, was introduced to the Grand Chapter by M. E. Comp. J. N. Rankin.

M. E. Comp. F. D. Jones, Past Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Montana, was introduced to Grand Chapter by M. E. Comp. F. S. Watson.

R. E. Comp. David Craig, Representative of the Grand Chapter of Alberta, near the Grand Chapter of Montana, was introduced to Grand Chapter by R. E. Comp. J. E. Johnson.

The distinguished visitors were received with GRAND HONORS, and welcomed by M. E. Comp. M. M. Downey, Grand Z., and R. E. Comp. N. T. Macleod, on behalf of Grand Chapter. They were then escorted to seats in the East.

Comp. F. E. Osborne, Alderman, of the City of Calgary, and representing the Mayor of the City, was then introduced, and on behalf of the City of Calgary, welcomed the visiting delegates.

On motion of R. E. Comp. N. T. Macleod, seconded by R. E. Comp. H. Darling, it was

RESOLVED, That as the Proceedings of the Fifth Annual Convocation held in the City of Red Deer, on the 12th day of March, 1919, have been printed, and copies placed in the hands of the Chapters of this Jurisdiction, the recorded minutes be considered as read and the same be now confirmed.

Address of Grand First Principal

To the Officers and Members of the Grand Chapter of Alberta:
My Dear Companions:—

It is with pleasure that I welcome you to this, the Seventh Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Alberta.

On behalf of the Officers of the Grand Chapter, I bid you welcome, and wish for each of you an enjoyable and profitable session, in considering the business of Capitular Masonry which shall come before you for consideration.

To those Companions who are residing outside of this Province and members of other Jurisdictions, this Grand Body extends a hearty welcome.

I rejoice with you in the prosperity that has attended our mutual labors during the past year, and in the harmony that has pervaded this Grand Jurisdiction. Our Grand Scribe E., R. Ex. Comp. Johnson, will show by his report a net increase of 333 in our membership, being an increase of 17%. The financial statement of our Grand Treasurer, R. Ex. Comp. Markley, will show the finances to be in a healthy condition.

At the beginning of this Convocation let us bow with reverential awe and thankful hearts to the Great I Am, for His manifold blessings and guarding care during the past year.

OUR OWN FRATERNAL DEAD

While we are glad that we are permitted to be together again in the glorious work of our beloved Order, we are not unmindful of the fact that the "Great Leveller" has entered our ranks during the year, and has removed Companions who have labored so faithfully with us.

Alberta, No. 1.....	Fred W. Hardy	15th December, 1919
Alberta, No. 1.....	Alex. T. Short	27th May, 1919
Alberta, No. 1.....	Frank Wellman	20th February, 1920
North Star, No. 2.....	E. W. Bateman	Died in France.
North Star, No. 2.....	W. G. Congdon	15th April, 1919
Chekinah, No. 4.....	Frank T. Gregg	28th May, 1919
Golden West, No. 5....	Robt. A. McFarlane	29th May, 1919
Otuskwan, No. 9.....	Arnold Rea	24th November, 1919
Otuskwan, No. 9.....	Robt. L. McElvenny	3rd January, 1919
Bow Valley, No. 10....	Claude L. Farrow	26th March, 1919
Keystone, No. 12	Samuel I. Smith	25th January, 1919
Capital City, No. 13....	John A. Smith	13th September, 1919

THE FRATERNAL DEAD OF OTHER JURISDICTIONS

Our own Official Family has been blessed with an unbroken circle. Other Grand Jurisdictions cannot so record, for during the past year I have received notices of the death of the following distinguished Companions of other Grand Jurisdictions:—

Alabama	John Gilbert Smith.....	P.G.H.P...	Died...	April 30, 1919
Arkansas	Nathaniel Pendleton Richmond.....			
		P.G.H.P...	Died...	June 28, 1919
California	Edward Richard Hedges	"	.. Died...	Dec. 25, 1918
Connecticut ...	Justus J. Bartel Gd. Mas of 1st Veil..		Died...	Sept. 17, 1919
Connecticut ...	Reuben H. Tucker	P.G.H.P...	Died...	Feb. 14, 1919
Florida	James W. Boyd	"	.. Died...	May 29, 1919
Illinois	William LeRoy Milligan.	"	.. Died...	Mar. 14, 1919
Illinois	Monroe Carroll Crawford	"	.. Died...	Mar. 9, 1919
Indiana	William H. Hamelle.....	"	.. Died...	June 20, 1919
Indiana	Manuel M. Fisher.....	"	.. Died...	April 25, 1919
Mayland	John H. Miller.....	Gd. Secretary..	Died...	June 24, 1919
Mayland	William Henry Martin ..	P.G.H.P...	Died...	Feb. 19, 1919
Mayland	James Franklin Allen ...	"	.. Died...	Mar. 12, 1919
Mayland	Edward R. Trippe	"	.. Died...	July 28, 1919
Michigan	Charles Milan Norton...	"	.. Died...	Sept. 3, 1919
Minnesota	Alonzo Brandenburg	"	.. Died...	June 22, 1919
Montana	Alexander B. Macdonald	"	.. Died...	April 5, 1919
Nevada	Matthew Kyle	"	.. Died...	June 17, 1919
New Jersey ..	Frederick Theron Crane.	"	.. Died...	May 31, 1919
New York	Willis Wood Rice.....	"	.. Died...	Oct. 2, 1919
New York	Seymour H. Stone	"	.. Died...	Jan. 1, 1920
North Dakota.	Sylvester J. Hill	"	.. Died...	April 25, 1919
Nova Scotia ..	William Crowe	"	.. Died...	Sept. 14, 1919
Nova Scotia ..	Samuel James Waddell.	Gd. Secretary	Died...	April 10, 1919
Ohio	Ralph Reamer Ricky.....	G.P.H.G...	Died...	Jan. 16, 1919
Oklahoma	George Henry Bruce	"	.. Died...	Mar. 20, 1919
Oklahoma	John Coyle	"	.. Died...	Aug. 24, 1919
Pennsylvania ..	Edward B. Spencer	"	.. Died...	Feb. 15, 1919
Tennessee	George Limerick Cowan.	"	.. Died...	Sept. 19, 1919
Texas	Joe Adams	"	.. Died...	Sept. 14, 1919
Wyoming	Adrian J. Parshall			
		Gd. Sec., G.P.H.P...	Died...	Feb. 14, 1919

I respectfully recommend that a page of the Proceedings of this Grand Chapter be set apart to the memory of these eminent Companions, as well as those of our own jurisdiction.

NEW GRAND CHAPTERS

During the year we have received requests for recognition from the Grand Chapter of British Columbia, and from the Grand Chapter of Queensland. We welcome to our circle these two Grand Bodies, and the question of recognition will, no doubt, be favorably considered by the Committee on Foreign Correspondence.

VISITS TO OTHER JURISDICTIONS MONTANA

On August 19th, 1919, I visited the Grand Chapter of Montana. On my arrival in the city of Great Falls I received every courtesy. On my visit to the session of Grand Chapter I had the honor to be introduced by M. Ex. Comps. E. H. Renish and H. C. Smith, both Past Grand High Priests. M. Ex. Comp. Stephen P. Wright welcomed and received me with the Grand Honors. M. E. Comp. Wright and R. E. Comp. Hedges Jr., the Grand Secretary, are a fine working team.

At the close of Grand Chapter, the Order of High Priesthood was conferred on me. I am grateful to the Convention of High Priests of the State of Montana, and to M. Ex. Comp. Jones, the President, for this honor.

I cannot speak too warmly of the courtesies extended to me while in the city of Great Falls.

CANADA

I received an invitation to visit The St. Patrick's Chapter in Toronto, on October 3rd, 1919. This was the occasion of the return of the Traveling Triangle by Ancient Chapter No. 1, of New York City. This Triangle visited this city, and was received by Alberta Chapter on September 16th, 1910. From January 29th, 1909, to October 3rd, 1919, this Triangle travelled over the Anglo-Saxon world. I had the honor to be received with M. E. Comp. W. N. Ponton, the Grand Z. of the Grand Chapter of Canada, by some six hundred Royal Arch Masons. The Triangle was accompanied by some eighty Companions from New York City.

While in the city of Toronto, I visited a number of Chapters, and was received with every honor.

CONSTITUTION OF STRATHMORE CHAPTER, No. 21

The Grand Chapter of Alberta, having granted to Strathmore Chapter No. 21, the necessary authority to perform all the duties and enjoy all the privileges of a subordinate Chapter, it was my great pleasure to duly constitute them as such on March 13th, 1919. This was my first official act, and the occasion was a delightful Masonic event. It was well attended, and much care and thought given to the ceremony. The Companions of this Chapter had previously made me a life member, and I shall enjoy with them the success they are bound to share and so richly deserve.

On January 28th, 1920, I again visited this Chapter, when R. E. Comp Mercer installed the officers.

VISITATIONS

Although a Charter had been one year ago granted to the Hiram Chapter, No. 19, Youngstown, it had never been consecrated or constituted. On March 19th, 1919, I visited this Chapter and performed the ceremony of Consecration and Constitution. I was assisted and accompanied by V. Ex. Comp. George Campbell. Later in the evening we installed the officers of The Hiram Chapter, and had the pleasure of witnessing the newly installed officers confer the M. E. M. Degree in a creditable manner.

On May 8th, 1919, I visited Hillvue Chapter No. 15, and performed the ceremony of Consecration and Constitution. This Chapter originally received its charter from the Grand Chapter of Canada, but had never been consecrated and constituted. V. Ex. Comps. McDonald and Cruickshanks accompanied me and assisted in the ceremony. Later in the evening the officers conferred the Royal Arch Degree, doing the work well.

On March 25th, 1919, I visited North Star Chapter No. 2, and was cordially received by Ex. Comp. Follinsbee and his officers. The work of conferring the Mark Master Degree was well exemplified by Ex. Comp. Hill. On June 24th, I again visited this Chapter, being received by Ex. Comp. Jamieson, of Capital City Chapter, who was acting as First Principal. The Royal Arch Degree was conferred with R. E. Comp. E. C. Dunlop acting as Principal Soujourner. The work of these two officers was of a high quality.

On March 28th, 1919, I visited Capital City Chapter No. 13. Too much cannot be said in high praise of the work done by this Chapter. The work of conferring the Mark Master Mason Degree by Ex. Comp. Campbell, and the Most Excellent Master Degree by Ex. Comp. Thompson, merited the kind remarks made by visitors. The excellent work of V. Ex. Comp. Armstrong in the Royal Arch brought a very instructive session to a close. On April 25th, 1919, I again visited Capital City Chapter and was accompanied by R. E. Comp. Seed, the Grand Superintendent of the District. At this Convocation, V. Ex. Comp. McIntosh delivered a lecture on the Royal Arch Degree, which was very interesting and much appreciated by those present. This Chapter is to be congratulated in having V. Ex. Comp. McIntosh as their Scribe E.

On January 28th, I visited the three Edmonton Chapters in the Chapter Room of Capital City, accompanied by R. Ex. Comps. Darling, Seed and Dunlop. At this Convocation I presented M. Ex. Comp. F. S. Watson with a Past Grand Z's Jewel.

On May 6th, 1919, I visited Bakah Chapter No. 7, at Macleod. I was accompanied by M. Ex. Comp. Robert Patterson. Ex. Comp. J. Allen, in conferring the Holy Royal Arch, does splendid work, but has not good support from the other officers. The Second Principal was absent and the Third Principal not proficient. The Chapter has some enthusiastic members and should show good progress.

On April 3rd, 1919, I visited Assiniboia Chapter No. 3, and was accompanied by R. E. Comp. Jesse Elliott, Grand Registrar, and R. Ex. Comp. W. Saunders. At this Convocation I installed R. E. Comp. W. H. Doty as Grand Superintendent of the Third Masonic District. This being my mother chapter, I was particularly touched at the splendid reception I was tendered, and the thoughtful arrangements which were planned for the Convocation. The arrangement of the room was as nearly perfect as possible. The work of Ex. Comps. Fawcett and Niblock was worthy of commendation. On January, 15th, 1920, I again visited this Chapter and installed the officers.

The four Calgary Chapters have been visited frequently by me during the year. Progress is being made, and the officers are anxious for great things, and are planning accordingly.

The Grand Superintendent of this District has visited these Chapters frequently and will report in detail.

On January 7th, 1920, I had the honor of installing the officers of Alberta, Otuskwan and Calgary Chapters. I was received in full form, accompanied by a number of Past Grand Z's and other Grand Chapter Officers. At this Convocation Past Grand Z's Jewels were presented to M. E. Comp. S. Y. Taylor and M. Ex. Comp. J. N. Rankin, in accordance with arrangements made at the last annual Convocation.

On April 17th, 1919, I visited Banff Chapter No. 20. Ex. Comp. McIlvene, the First Principal, conferred the Royal Arch in an impressive manner. This Chapter is splendidly officered and the work of Comp. R. Moore was well worthy of praise, as he acted as Principal Sojourner, the regular officer being absent.

At this Convocation I also consecrated and constituted the Chapter, being assisted by V. Ex. Comp. Saddington.

On April 18th, 1919, I visited Keystone Chapter No. 12, and was accompanied by R. Ex. Comp. W. E. Lord. I have visited this Chapter on a number of occasions, being a life member of the Chapter. This Chapter, as well as being splendidly officered, is in a healthy condition otherwise.

At this Convocation I had the honor of installing the officers.

On April 22nd, 1919, I visited Vermilion Chapter, No. 14. I was met at the station by R. E. Comp. Seed, the Grand Superintendent, who accompanied me over his District. The success of this Chapter is due in no small measure to the interest R. E. Comp. Seed takes in the work. On this visit I had the honor of being introduced by V. Ex. Comp. Fielding. I regretted that the First Principal was unable to open the Chapter and do the degree work.

On April 23rd, 1919, I visited Norwood Chapter No. 18. I was accompanied by R. Ex. Comps. Seed and Dunlop, V. Ex. Comp. McIntosh and Ex. Comp. Armstrong. This Chapter is to be congratulated in having an efficient and enthusiastic officer like V. E. Comp. J. J. Green in the chair. His work in the Royal Arch was worthy the praise given it by the visitors present.

On April 24th, 1919, I visited Mount Horeb Chapter No. 6, accompanied by M. E. Comp. A. R. Dickson and R. E. Comp. Seed. The Mark Master Mason Degree was conferred on a number of candidates by Ex. Comp. Russell, showing what this Chapter can do. The manner in which the business was conducted by Ex. Comp. Manley was also worthy of commendation.

On May 7th, 1919, I was privileged to visit Shekinah Chapter No. 4, and see the Grand Second Principal, R. E. Comp. N. T. Macleod assume the duties of Principal Sojourner and do splendid work. This Chapter is fortunate in having so many good past and present officers.

On May 9th, 1919, I visited Kether Chapter No. 8. I was accompanied by V. Ex. Comp. Cruickshanks, of Hillvue Chapter. Ex. Comp. McMillen is a very enthusiastic officer. This Chapter is fortunate in having R. E. Comp. J. H. Kemmis as one of its Past Principals.

On May 12th, 1919, I was accompanied by E. Comp. E. Doolan, of Alberta Chapter, on a visit to Golden West Chapter No. 5. The Royal Arch Degree was conferred by Ex. Comp. J. Green and the regular officers. Ex. Comp. Green is working hard for his Chapter.

On May 28th, 1919, accompanied by Ex. Comp. W. D. Spence, of Alberta Chapter, I visited Bow Valley Chapter No. 10. One cannot speak too highly of the manner in which Ex. Comp. Bates looks after visitors to his town and Chapter. The business was done with despatch and dignity. The degree work in the Royal Arch was conferred in an impressive manner.

On January 28th, 1920, I visited Mount Olivet Chapter No. 17, and installed the officers for the year. On this occasion I was accompanied by R. E. Comp. Seed. The jurisdiction of this Chapter is spread over an extensive district, and for that reason it is difficult to have the officers present at every convocation. The officers and members are very enthusiastic, and look well after their guests in town.

On May 13th, 1919, I visited Claresholm. This was the evening of the regular Convocation, but the First Principal had neglected to call a meeting. Tau Cross Chapter was very unfortunate during the year 1919, but with a change of officers it entered upon a new life.

I visited this Chapter again on February 10th, and witnessed some degree work. This Chapter has a splendid district, and should do better.

I visited all the Chapters once, and in most cases twice, making in all forty-one visits. I also consecrated four Chapters during the year.

DISPENSATIONS ISSUED

April 16th, 1919	Keystone Chapter No. 12, to install F. A. McEwen as 2nd Principal.
November 6th, "	Norwood Chapter No. 18, to install out of time.
December 11th, "	Golden West Chapter No. 5, to install out of time.
December 11th, "	Mount Olivet Chapter, No. 17, to install out of time.
December 11th, "	Mount Olivet Chapter No. 17, to install George Roddick as 2nd Principal.
December 13th, "	Vermilion Chapter, No. 14, to install out of time.
December 29th, "	Calgary Chapter No. 11, to install at a joint installation.
December 29th, "	Otuskwan Chapter No. 9, to install at a joint installation.
December 30th, "	Strathmore Chapter No. 21, to install H. Nicholson as 2nd Principal.
January 3rd, 1920	Tau Cross Chapter No. 16, to confirm election and to install J. B. Bosse as 1st Principal.
January 3rd, "	Tau Cross Chapter No. 16, to install Officers out of time.
January 5th, "	Golden West Chapter No. 5, to install W. E. M. Holmes as 1st Principal.

January 5th, 1920	Golden West Chapter No. 5, to install E. F. Thomas as 2nd Principal.
January 13th, "	Bow Valley Chapter No. 10, to install R. P. Umbrite as 1st Principal.
January 13th, "	Bow Valley Chapter No. 10, to install Peter McLean as 2nd Principal.
January 26th, "	Banff Chapter No. 20, to install officers out of time.
February 7th, "	Beckah Chapter No. 7, to install Comp. S. O. Lawson as 3rd Principal, owing to death of Comp. Baker.
February 14th, "	Hiram Chapter No. 19, to install officers out of time.
February 23rd, "	Assiniboia Chapter No. 3, to wear Royal Arch Regalia at an "At Home" of the Chapter.
February 28th, "	Skekinah Chapter No. 4, to change place of meeting.

CHAPTERS INSTITUTED

On July 3rd, 1919, I instituted The Joseph Stauffer Chapter at the Town of Didsbury. I was accompanied by R. E. Comp. W. E. Mercer, R. E. Comp. J. E. Johnson, Ex. Comp. E. Doolan and a number of Companions from the city of Calgary, Ex. Comp. G. F. Butler and a number from Strathmore Chapter, and by R. E. Comp. Coote and a number from Keystone Chapter. Following the Institution and Installation, the three degrees were conferred on a number of candidates.

On October 27th, 1919, I instituted Coronation Chapter at Coronation. I was accompanied and assisted by R. E. Comp. E. C. Dunlop and Ex. Comp. A. W. Dunlop. The officers were installed, after which the three degrees were conferred.

I visited this Chapter again on November 13th, 1919, and witnessed the work conferred by the officers of the new Chapter. The officers are very enthusiastic and capable.

On December 8th, 1919, I instituted Crescent Chapter in the City of Calgary. I was accompanied and assisted by M. E. Comp. S. Y. Taylor, R. E. Comp. F. S. Selwood, R. E. Comp. J. E. Johnson and a number of Ex. Companions from the Calgary Chapters. I regretted very much that owing to a serious accident, R. E. Comp. Mercer was unable to accompany me. This Chapter should have a bright future.

APPOINTMENTS

Vacancies having occurred in the Representations of other Grand Chapters, near the Grand Chapter of Alberta, I recommended the following appointments:

Ireland—V. Ex. Comp. A. N. Saddington, Banff Chapter No. 20.

New South Wales—V. Ex. Comp. James S. Lambert, Bekah Chapter No. 7.

Quebec—Ex. Comp. G. F. Butler, Strathmore Chapter No. 21, Vice R. Ex. Comp. F. R. Jelfs, removed from jurisdiction.

New Brunswick—V. Ex. Comp. W. A. Ackland, Otuskwan Chapter No. 9.

Virginia—V. Ex. Comp. W. J. Stephenson, Keystone Chapter No. 12.

Idaho—Ex. Comp. J. S. Morris, Capital City No. 13.

Vacancies having occurred in the representation of this Grand Body near other Grand Chapters, I approved of the following recommendations:

New South Wales—Ex. Comp. Charles Edward Abbott, St. Georges Chapter No. 24, Illawarra.

Ireland—Ex. Comp. Wm. McMahon, Richill Chapter, Armagh.

New Brunswick—Ex. Comp. E. Kenneth Connell, Woodstock No. 8.

Virginia—Ex. Comp. W. C. Craig, Norton, Va.

CHANGES IN BY-LAWS APPROVED

Assiniboia Chapter No. 3—June 19th, 1919, to raise the Exaltation fee to \$50.00.

Alberta Chapter No. 1—October 1st, 1919, to raise the annual dues to \$4.00.

Strathmore Chapter No. 21—October 9th, 1919, to raise the Exaltation fee to \$60.00.

COURTESIES TO OTHER GRAND JURISDICTIONS

Canada—

Request of Assiniboia Chapter No. 3, to have degrees of H. R. A. conferred on Bro. Lewis H Welsford by King Cyrus Chapter No. 119, of Leamington, Ontario.

Oregon—

Request of Calgary Chapter No. 11, to have M.E.M. & R.H.A. degrees conferred on Bro. Leonard W. White, by Portland Chapter No. 3, of Portland, Oregon.

Illinois—

Request of Shekinah Chapter No. 4, to have H.R.A. degree conferred on Bro. Joseph Quinsey, by Normal Park Chapter of Chicago.

Request of the Grand Chapter of Nebraska, to waive Jurisdiction on Harvey Torr Scaman from North Star Chapter No. 2, Edmonton, in favor of Lincoln Chapter No. 6, Lincoln, Nebraska.

DECISIONS

No case requiring a special ruling has been referred to me during the year.

OBSERVATIONS

It is unfortunately impossible to give due recognition to the various Chapters and individuals, who have extended so many courtesies to me during my tenure of office.

On my visits it would be humanly impossible not to be impressed with the exceptionally good and exceptionally bad work. Some Chapters excel in one thing, and without knowledge of it, are quite deficient in others. Some do not keep up the Book of Marks. Others do not open the Chapter promptly, and a lack of dignity is in evidence in some Chapters. All these things mitigate against the success of the Chapter.

SUPERVISION OF CHAPTERS

The work of supervising the Chapters has not been as carefully carried out as it should be. Personally, I favor the system as at present, that is, Grand Superintendents of Districts, and a Grand Lecturer, who is also the custodian of the work. At all Chapters of Instructions the Grand Lecturer should be present and his expenses paid by Grand Chapter. Each Grand Superintendent should be paid a mileage of three cents per mile for travelling expenses. The said official putting in his account to the Grand Scribe E., who shall apportion the expense to each Chapter in the district on a per capita basis. While one of the districts has been neglected, yet I am convinced that the Chapters generally are doing much better work than heretofore. The Grand Superintendents should pay at least two visits to each of the Chapters under supervision, and in case of a weak Chapter, visit more frequently. The prevailing custom of electing the Superintendents from Chapters in rotation is wrong, and I would strongly urge that only qualified and enthusiastic Past Principals and who are in attendance at Grand Chapter, be elected to this office.

RECOMMENDATIONS

I am convinced that an Institution of as much importance as Capitular Masonry in this Grand Jurisdiction, should assume to itself burdens, take upon itself tasks, justify to itself and to Masonry, as well as to the world, its existence by contributing to the welfare of mankind. I therefore recommend:

1. That this Grand Chapter appoint a committee to consider what in its judgment will be a proper task for the Grand Chapter of Alberta to undertake, and report to this Grand Body, at its next Annual Convocation. Further, that this memorial shall bear a title that will, in some way commemorate Capitular Masonry in this Jurisdiction.
2. That the Grand Lecturer be paid by this Grand Chapter his travelling expenses to and from Chapters of Instruction. And further, that the Grand Superintendents be paid, as outlined in a former section of this address; and that no Companion be elected a Grand Superintendent unless he is present at said election.
3. That all moon schedules for stated convocations be abolished. It is an antiquated idea and not necessary with the present means of transportation. It is certainly confusing as to dates and complicates the affairs of the Chapters.
4. Having been for three years the Grand Scribe E. of this Grand Body, and having during the past year seen the amount of work that this Officer performs, I am convinced that the salary of the office is inadequate. I therefore recommend that the salary of Grand Scribe E be increased. I cannot speak too highly of the unfailing courtesy of R. E. Comp. Johnson during my term of office.
5. That providing a Grand Representative fail to attend the Grand Chapter Convocation for three consecutive years, the office of Grand Representative of that Jurisdiction be declared vacant and the incoming Grand Z recommend a new appointment.

6. That the Jurisdiction be re-divided and the Districts be composed as follows:

PROPOSED NEW DISTRICTS

District No. 1

All that territory on and north of the Main Line of the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway.

North Star Chapter.
Capital City Chapter.

Norwood Chapter.
Vermilion Chapter.

District No. 2

All that territory south of District No. 1, and north of Township 33.

Mount Horeb Chapter.
Mount Olivet Chapter.

Keystone Chapter.
Coronation Chapter.

District No. 3

Alberta and Calgary Chapters in the City of Calgary, and the Chapters on the Main Line of the C.P.R. west of Calgary, the Chapters on the Calgary and Edmonton branch of the C.P.R. north to Township 34, and the Chapters on the Lethbridge-Calgary, and the Macleod-Calgary lines of the C.P.R. north of Township 13.

Alberta Chapter.
Calgary Chapter.

Golden West Chapter.
Banff Chapter.

The Joseph Stauffer Chapter.

District No. 4

All that territory north of District No. 5, east of District No. 3, and south of District No. 2, also Otuskwan and Crescent Chapters in the City of Calgary.

Otuskwan Chapter.
The Hiram Chapter.

Bow Valley Chapter.
Strathmore Chapter.

Crescent Chapter.

District No. 5

All that territory south of Township 14.

Assiniboia Chapter.
Bekah Chapter.
Hillvue Chapter

Shekinah Chapter.
Kether Chapter.
Tau Cross Chapter.

BENEVOLENCE

While there has been much cause for thankfulness in regard to suffering in our midst, yet Grand Chapter has not entirely overlooked this important part of our responsibilities. In another part of this report will be found a recommendation bearing on this subject.

CONCLUSION

Before my term of office closes, I desire to place on record my appreciation to the Officers and Companions who have assisted me in so many ways during the past year.

In surrendering the sceptre of office to a more worthy successor, permit me to remind you of the high calling of every one who professes to be a Mason. Our Royal Craft has a high mission to perform, and the responsibility rests on each individual.

One of the objects of Masonry is to educate men in the true principles of life, and if there ever comes to this world that much talked of, and more to be desired State of "Universal Peace," it will come through education and devotion to principle. Companions, bear this ever in mind and not only teach Masonry, but live it and exemplify it in your every day lives, thereby reflecting it on the whole world. "Thus you will render yourselves deserving of the honor which has been conferred upon you and worthy of the confidence reposed in you."

"For the structure which we raise,
Time is with material filled:
Our todays and yesterdays
Are the blocks with which we build.

Let us do our work as well,
Both the unseen and the seen,
Make the house where gods may dwell
Beautiful, entire and clean."

—Longfellow.

Fraternally submitted,

Melvin M. Downey

Grand Z.

On motion of M.E. Comp. S. Y. Taylor, seconded by M.E. Comp. J. N. Rankin, it was

RESOLVED, That the address of the Most Excellent, the Grand Z., be received and referred to the Committee on Grand Z's address

RECEPTION OF REPRESENTATIVES OF SISTER GRAND CHAPTERS

The M.E. the Grand Z., directed the Grand Scribe E., to call the Roll of Representatives of Sister Chapters, and the Grand Director of Ceremonies, having assembled them at the Altar, they were welcomed to Grand Chapter Convocation by M. E. Comp. M. M. Downey, Grand Z., in a few well chosen words.

Each of the Representatives responding to the words of welcome of the Grand Z., conveyed the greetings from their several Grand Chapters.

After the Representatives had been given the Grand Honors, the Grand Z. requested them to be seated.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON WARRANTS

To the Most Excellent, the Grand First Principal
of the Grand Chapter of Alberta:

Your Committee on Warrants takes pleasure in submitting the following report:

We note that in the report of the Grand Superintendent of District No. 2, R. E. Comp. Mercer, that the three Chapters which have been instituted in this District during the year, namely, Didsbury, Coronation and Crescent, are in a very prosperous and healthy condition, and are well supplied with regalia and paraphernalia.

We therefore have pleasure in recommending a Warrant be granted to each of these three Chapters at this Convocation of Grand Chapter.

Fraternally submitted,

A. W. R. MARKLEY.
W. E. MERCER,
W. H. DOTY.

On motion of R. E. Comp. E. C. Dunlop, seconded by R. E. Comp. H. Darling, it was

RESOLVED, That the report of the Committee on Warrants be received and adopted.

COMMUNICATIONS

Letters of regret at being unable to be present, having been read from R. E. Comps. Percy Fielding, Geo. S. Armstrong, and Darnley Murison, and a telegram from V. E. Comp. G. E. Cruickshank, also expressing his regrets at not being able to be present, were ordered to be filed.

A letter from Ballard Chapter, No. 26, G. R. Wash., sending greetings to the Grand Chapter of Alberta. The M. Ex. the Grand Z., instructed the Grand Scribe E. to reply to this expression of good will in suitable terms.

A letter from R. E. Comp. H. C. Seynei, Representative of the Grand Chapter of Alberta, near the Grand Chapter of Washington, conveying greetings, and presenting to Grand Chapter a group portrait of United States Presidents Washington, Lincoln and Wilson. The Grand Scribe E. was instructed to convey to R. E. Comp. Seynei the thanks of Grand Chapter for this very fine gift.

A letter from the Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Alberta advising that Joseph H. Argue had been suspended by Grand Lodge for unmasonic conduct. Ordered to be filed.

A letter from M. E. Comp. W. S. Murch, Past Grand Z. of the Grand Chapter of Canada, wishing the Grand Chapter of Alberta "God Speed."

The Grand Z. instructed M. E. Comp. F. S. Watson and R. E. Comp. N. T. Macleod, to send a suitable reply to M. E. Comp. Murch.

A letter from the Grand Scribe E. of Grand Chapter of Canada, expressing regret that M. E. Comp. W. N. Ponton, Grand Z., would be unable to attend the Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Alberta, and expressing the Grand Z.'s most fraternal good wishes. M. E. Comp. M. M. Downey, Grand Z., requested the Excellent Companions present, to receive M. E. Comp. Ponton in a Royal manner, should he visit any of the Alberta Chapters, during the coming year. The letter was ordered filed.

Letters were also read from R. E. Comp. W. McMahon, our Representative near the Grand Chapter of Ireland; R. E. Comp. William McVey, Representative near the Grand Chapter of Scotland, and V. E. Comp. John E. Kennedy, Representative near the Grand Chapter of Victoria, Australia. These were ordered to be filed.

Tenders were received from the McAra Co., and the Albertan Job Press for the printing of the Proceedings of this Convocation.

On motion of R. E. Comp. E. C. Dunlop, seconded by Ex. Comp. E. G. Ironside, it was

RESOLVED, That the tenders be referred to the Committee on Audit and Finance.

PRESENTATION

At this time R. E. Comp. J. E. Johnson, acting on behalf of R. E. Comp. H. C. Seynei, Representative near the Grand Chapter of Washington, presented to Grand Chapter, the group portrait of Presidents Washington, Lincoln and Wilson. M. E. Comp. M. M. Downey, Grand Z., accepted the gift on behalf of Grand Chapter.

At 1.30 p.m. the Grand Z. adjourned Grand Chapter for the purpose of Consecrating Crescent Chapter, No. 24, and for the purpose of instituting THE ALBERTA ORDER OF HIGH PRIESTHOOD.

LABOR RESUMED

At 10.30 a.m., Thursday, March 11th, the Grand Z. Called Grand Chapter to order.

Grand Superintendent's Reports

DISTRICT No. 1

Vermilion, February 12th, 1920

To the Most Excellent Grand Z., Officers and Companions
of the Grand Chapter of Alberta:

Most Excellent Sir and Companions:

I have much pleasure in outlining a brief report of my official visits to the different Chapters in the District.

In company with Most Ex. Companion M. M. Downey, Grand Z., I visited the following Chapters, viz.:

Vermilion Chapter, No. 14, Norwood Chapter, No. 18, Mount Horeb Chapter, No. 6, and Capital City Chapter, No. 13, on the following dates:

April 22nd, my home Chapter, No. 14, Vermilion, when, after the general routine of business was transacted, the R.A.M. Degree was conferred.

On April 23rd, Norwood Chapter, No. 18, when two Companions were exalted to the Supreme Degree of the Holy Royal Arch, by their regular officers in a very creditable manner, and although this Chapter is not too strong, either numerically or financially, they are very earnest and zealous in their work, which should produce good results in the future.

On April 24th, Mount Horeb Chapter, No. 6, when the M.M.M. Degree was conferred, and although not too efficient in their work, it being early in the year, I fully expect them to measure up to the fullest extent of their ability before the close of the year. I had arranged to again visit them on February 5th, 1920, but it was cancelled owing to unforeseen causes. I propose visiting them before the close of my term of office, but not in time to report.

On April 25th, Capital City, No. 13, Edmonton, when the three Degrees were conferred in such a manner as to fully avoid criticism, and too much praise cannot be given for their accuracy and precision in every particular, which can only be obtained by diligence and industry.

Being absent in the East, I was unable to visit North Star Chapter, No. 2, until December 16th, 1919, when a field day was held, when the three Degrees were conferred on eight candidates during the afternoon and evening in a very satisfactory manner, and they have a goodly number of applications for exaltation. A pleasant and prosperous year should be in store for them.

On November 17th, 1919, Mount Olivet Chapter, No. 17, at Killam, held a field day, when several Companions were exalted to the Supreme Degree of the Holy Royal Arch. I was unable to attend, but visited them on January 28th, 1920, in company with Most Ex. Companion M. M. Downey, Grand Z., who, on that occasion installed the officers in a very efficient and impressive manner; like many Chapters in small towns, many of the Companions live in the Rural District, which makes it more difficult to obtain regular and punctual attendance. The books and finances are in excellent condition, due largely to energy of R. Ex. Comp. F. E. Nichol, Scribe E.

On January 31st, 1920, as previously arranged, a Chapter of Instruction was held in Edmonton Chapter Room, 102-2nd Street, when Most Ex. Companion M. M. Downey, Grand Z., again favored us with his presence. The work was put on as follows by the following Chapters: Norwood Chapter, No. 18, Mark Master Mason Degree; North Star Chapter, No. 2, Most Excellent Master Degree; Capital City Chapter, Royal Arch Degree. All three Chapters doing honor to themselves as well as entire satisfaction to the large number of Companions who were in attendance; and, personally I was more than pleased with the whole proceedings.

While in Vermilion I was in regular attendance at my home Chapter, and feel quite pleased with the progress it has made during the past year.

Since coming to Edmonton, on December 1st, 1919, outside of my regular Official Visits, I have unofficially visited on several occasions the three City Chapters, and note with pleasure the steady progress being made in Capitular Masonry in this City.

In conclusion, permit me to say that the past year to me has been fraught with both interest and pleasure in endeavoring to perform my duties as Superintendent of this District, and I trust that my successor may receive the same kind and courteous reception as tendered me on all occasions.

Fraternally submitted,

W. J. SEED,

Superintendent District No. 1.

ITEMIZED STATEMENT OF CHAPTER RETURNS AND PROCEEDINGS IN DISTRICT No. 1 FOR THE YEAR 1919

Chapter	Number	Location	Number of Regular Meetings	Number of Emergent Meetings	Average Attendance	Annual Dues per Member	Number Members Last Return	Number of Affiliations	Restorations	Withdrawals	Suspensions	Deaths	M.M.M. Degrees Conferred	M.E.M. Degrees Conferred	R.A. Degrees Conferred	Present Membership	Number of Members 12 mths. in arrears	Liabilities	Assets—Cash or Securities	Assets, Property Regalia, Etc.	Dues Outstanding	Amount of Insurance	Amount granted to Benevolence	Prospects	Number of Lodges to draw from	
North Star..	2	Edmonton	11	10	30	\$4	229	2	2	10	4	2	22	22	24	239	19	\$174.00	\$3,608.00	\$569.00	\$1,060.00	\$400.00	—	good	C	
*Mt. Horeb...	6	Wetaskiwin ..	—	—	—	—	78	1	—	—	—	—	1	1	1	80	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	good	4
Capital City 13	Edmonton		10	6	40	\$5	199	4	—	2	—	1	26	21	20	226	56	nil	2,129.00	700.00	385.00	700.00	\$76.00	good	C	
Vermilion ...	14	Vermilion	11	4	20	\$5	58	—	—	1	—	—	6	5	5	62	4	—	—	700.00	77.95	800.00	—	good	2	
*Mt. Olivet...	17	Killam	—	—	—	\$3	27	1	—	—	—	—	22	22	22	50	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	good	8
Norwood	18	Edmonton	11	3	13	\$5	64	1	—	4	—	—	7	7	7	60	15	30.00	167.00	777.00	90.00	800.00	—	—	good	C

*Complete Statement not Received.

C signifies Concurrent in last column.

DISTRICT No. 2

To the Most Excellent the Grand First Principal, Officers and Members of the Grand Chapter of Alberta:

In presenting to you my report as Grand Superintendent of the Second Masonic District of the Grand Chapter year just drawing to a close, it affords me much pleasure in being able to state that throughout the year considerable growth and activity has been evinced in Royal Arch Masonry in this District.

During the year all Chapters in the District have been holding regular meetings and exemplifying the three Degrees in a very satisfactory manner, a spirit of enthusiasm and desire evinced by the officers for a high standard of efficiency in the work of the three Degrees. I am happy to state that a healthy development has been made in membership by Exaltation and Affiliation and in the formation of new Chapters. During the year three new Chapters have been granted Dispensations.

On March 13th, 1919, I attended the Most Excellent the Grand First Principal to Strathmore Chapter, when the Warrant was presented, and the Chapter consecrated, the ceremony being performed by the Grand First Principal M. M. Downey, assisted by several Companions and myself, there being a very good attendance of the Companions of the Chapter. It was a source of great pleasure to me on this occasion to be presented with a framed Certificate of Life Membership of Strathmore Chapter, the Most Excellent First Principal Companion G. Frank Butler, making the presentation on behalf of the Companions of the Chapter, and as long as my life lasts the memory of this expression of this good Companionship will remain with me.

In June, 1919, the Grand Scribe E. forwarded to me a petition signed by a number of Companions resident in and around Didsbury. After making the necessary investigations I was able to recommend the petition for the approval of the Most Excellent Grand First Principal.

On July 23rd, 1919, a number of Companions from Red Deer, Strathmore and Calgary met at Didsbury, when the Most Excellent and Grand First Principal, assisted by the Grand Scribe E., instituted the Joseph Stauffer Chapter and installed the officers, at which ceremony I was pleased to be able to take a part and to witness the exemplification of Degrees on a large class of candidates, the Mark Master Degree being conferred by Ex. Comp. Doolan, of Alberta Chapter, No. 1, assisted by a very able staff of officers. Excellent Companion J. R. Flan, of Otuskwaw Chapter, No. 9, presided at the M.E.M. Degree, which was exemplified in a very efficient manner. Very Excellent Companion Stephenson, of Keystone Chapter, No. 12, took charge of the Royal Arch Degree, assisted by Excellent Companion Stone and other officers and Companions of Keystone Chapter. The three Chapters are to be congratulated upon the excellent character of the work, both in the exemplification of the Degree and the spirit of service shown in attending in such good numbers.

Two other petitions having been forwarded to me through the office of the Grand Scribe E., one signed by a number of Companions resident in and around Coronation and the other from Crescent Heights in the City of Calgary, duly signed by a number of Companions in and around the City of Calgary. Upon making the necessary investigations, I was able to recommend both these petitions to the Most Excellent the

Grand First Principal for his approval. It is with regret that I have to state my inability to be present at the Institution of either of these Chapters, sickness preventing me in each case.

From enquiries made and reports received, it is pleasing to be able to record that each event was of a most enthusiastic character.

On the 6th of August, 1919, I visited officially Bow Valley Chapter, No. 10, when the three Degrees were conferred in a very pleasing and capable way, demonstrating that the officers of this Chapter were devoting much interest in the working of the Degrees. I again visited this Chapter on the 28th of January, 1920, and installed the officers. Owing to the inclemency of the weather and the delay of the train service, the Scribe E. was unable to be present at this meeting with the books of the Chapter, so I had not the opportunity of inspecting the same, and desire to thank the First Principal Excellent Companion T. W. Bates, for forwarding to me the necessary data which show the Chapter to be in a healthy condition.

On the 11th of August, 1919, I paid an official visit to Keystone Chapter, No. 12, where I had the pleasure of witnessing the three Degrees conferred upon a large class of candidates, showing the enthusiasm and energy which the Companions of this Chapter were displaying in building up a vigorous, healthy Chapter. The gathering was one of the largest it has been my privilege to witness as an individual Chapter, and the Degrees were conferred in a manner which reflects great credit upon the Principals, Past Principals and officers of Keystone Chapter. The books of the Chapter which the Scribe E. presented for inspection, I found to be kept in a most satisfactory manner.

Alberta Chapter No. 1; Having visited this Chapter several times during the year and had the pleasure of seeing the several Degrees conferred, on the 4th of February, 1920, I visited officially—on this occasion Degrees not being conferred, I listened to some very interesting discussions in trying to arrive at the best method of working in conjunction with Craft Masonry and other Orders, in giving the best attention to the sick and sick visiting.

Knowing the officers of this Chapter, I have every confidence in predicting a prosperous year, fruitful in good work and harmony.

Being a member of Otuskwaw Chapter, No. 9, I have had ample opportunity of witnessing the work of the officers on many occasions and can, with confidence, state that at no period of its history, was it ever in a better condition, it is well officered, books in good condition, and a surplus of funds well invested. I paid one official visit during the year and was received with the honor and courtesy due this Grand Body.

Crescent Chapter U.D., having officially visited this Chapter and found it efficiently officered, with a good attendance of Companions present. The M.M. and M.E.M. Degrees being conferred in an efficient and impressive manner. The future of this Chapter looks very bright, having amongst its members some splendid material from which to draw for the officers, and extending of its sphere of usefulness. The books of the Chapter are in the care of an efficient and well qualified Scribe E., and it is well equipped with regalia and paraphernalia, and it is in a sound, financial condition. I have much pleasure in recommending that a Warrant be granted to Crescent Chapter at this Convocation of Grand Chapter.

I officially visited Banff Chapter, No. 20, on February 5th, 1920, and installed the officers, after which the newly installed officers exemplified the Royal Arch Degree in an excellent and impressive manner. The books of the Chapter being submitted to me for inspection, I found the same kept in a very efficient manner. I feel confident with a little more enthusiasm this Chapter can be one of the brightest in this Grand Body. On this occasion of my visit the attendance was fair and as this was at a period of the year when only a few visitors patronize this resort. I feel convinced that during the summer and autumn seasons good gatherings of Royal Arch Masons could be held, affording visiting Companions from all parts of the world an opportunity of meeting with them.

Calgary Chapter, No. 11; during the year I have twice visited in my official capacity and found it well officered and in a healthy condition. On my second visit the M.E.M. and the Holy Arch was conferred. The candidates for these degrees passing a very creditable examination in the former Degree conferred on them, by the excellent quality of the work done by the officers of this Chapter, and the support the Companions, by their attendance, are giving to them, and the spirit of harmony prevailing, the year should be a very successful one, the books of the Chapter are in good order and in the care of a most capable Scribe E.

Joseph Stauffer Chapter U.D.; It was with pleasurable anticipation that I journeyed to Didsbury to pay my official visit to this Chapter on the 11th of February, 1920, and received a most hearty welcome from a good gathering of Companions. It is gratifying to be able to report that this Chapter is fortunate in having a staff of very capable and enthusiastic officers, who conferred the Degrees of M.E.M. and Holy Royal Arch in a very able form. The books being well kept by an efficient Scribe E. This Chapter is well equipped with regalia and paraphernalia and is in a sound financial position. I have great pleasure in recommending that a Warrant be granted to Joseph Stauffer Chapter at this Convocation of Grand Chapter.

Hiram Chapter, No. 19; The journey to Youngstown being very considerable, it was the 20th of February, 1920, before I was able to pay an official visit to this Chapter. The Holy Royal Arch Degree was conferred in a very creditable and satisfactory manner. The books of the Chapter being submitted to me for inspection, and I found them in excellent condition. I was under the impression that the officers would be installed at this meeting, but found that owing to lack of knowledge of the book of Constitution a change in the By-laws had been made altering the date of election to May without a notice of motion being given and served in the notice convening the Convocation for the passing of the same, also omitting to submit such changes for approval and ratification. This Chapter is well equipped, numerically and financially, in a good position and with the infusion of a little enthusiasm and get-together spirit, excellent prospects are in view.

Strathmore Chapter, No. 21; Since the presentation of the Warrant and consecration of this Chapter on the 13th of March, 1919, it has been my privilege to be present at five meetings, and have witnessed and assisted in the conferring of the several Degrees. On the 8th of January, 1920, I had the pleasure of presiding at the installation of officers, after which a very enjoyable evening was spent, splendid entertainment being provided, very satisfactory progress having been made during the year. This Chapter is in the happy position of good material coming in to build with, well officered, finances in good condition and the books in the care of a capable and energetic Scribe E.

Coronation Chapter, U.D.; I regret my inability to make a visit to this Chapter which was instituted on the 27th of October, 1919. I have inspected the reports sent in to the Grand Scribe E., and have made enquiry of its progress and condition from other Grand Chapter officers, and am pleased to report that satisfactory work is being done, a considerable number of Companions having been exalted to the Holy Royal Arch, and ten petitions for exaltation still to proceed with, an efficient supply of regalia and paraphernalia having been obtained, and meetings regularly held. It is with pleasure that I recommend that a Warrant be granted to Coronation Chapter at this Convocation of Grand Chapter.

Having received applications from Alberta Chapter, No. 1, and Strathmore Chapter, No. 21, for permission to change their By-laws, the former to raise the dues and the latter to increase the fees for Exaltation, both applications being presented with all the necessary information, upon assuring myself that such changes had been executed in due form, I had pleasure in recommending the same to the Most Excellent the Grand First Principal for his approval.

While visiting the several Chapters I found considerable attention being paid to arrears of dues outstanding. Much desirable reform has been made in this direction during the year, however, there is still room for improvement in some of the Chapters, and I understand serious consideration of the Chapters affected will be given in the near future.

I am pleased to report that all Chapters in District No. 2, excepting Calgary, No. 11, have their regalia and paraphernalia insured to what appears to be a reasonable amount. Calgary Chapter, No. 11, being joint owners with Alberta, No. 1 and Otuskwan Chapter, No. 9, in the general furnishing and Chapter paraphernalia will most probably be the reason for this Chapter's omission to insure the balance of the Chapter regalia.

The Scribes of the various Chapters have supplied me with the notices calling Convocation in ample time.

In conclusion permit me through the medium of this report, to convey to the Companions of the District a sincere expression of my thanks for the many courtesies extended to me during the past year, which has contributed considerably in making my term of office such that it will be a pleasure to remember. I wish to thank the Grand Scribe E. for the assistance he always so readily gave me in carrying out the duties of my office, also to thank Excellent Companions H. W. B. Bell and H. Nicholson for their support and company when visiting Bow Valley Chapter, No. 10 at Gleichen, and Excellent Companion R. P. Umbrite for his support and assistance during my visit to Banff Chapter, No. 20.

I have endeavored to discharge the duties of the office to the best interest of Royal Arch Masonry, and trust my efforts have met with the approval of the Companions, and that they feel no cause for regret in having bestowed on me the honor by electing me to the office one year ago.

Fraternally yours,

WALTER ED. MERCER,

Grand Superintendent District No. 2.

ITEMIZED STATEMENT OF CHAPTER RETURNS AND PROCEEDINGS IN DISTRICT No. 2 FOR THE YEAR 1919

Chapter	Number	Location	Number of Regular Meetings	Number of Emergency Meetings	Average Attendance	Annual Dues per Member	Number Members Last Return	Affiliations	Restorations	Withdrawals	Suspensions	Deaths	M.M.M. Degrees Conferred	M.E.M. Degrees Conferred	R.A. Degrees Conferred	Present Membership	Number of Members 12 mths. in arrears	Liabilities	Assets—Cash or Securities	Assets, Property Regalia, Etc.	Dues Outstanding	Amount of Insurance	Amount Granted to Benevolence	Prospects	Number of Lodges to draw from			
Alberta	1	Calgary	12	11	18	\$3	252	2	—	2	—	2	2	15	15	16	265	—	\$1,000.00	\$1,800.00	\$350.00	\$375.00	\$400.00	—	good	C		
Otuskwan	9	Calgary	9	5	25	\$3	126	1	—	3	2	—	9	9	9	131	14	nil	1,500.00	600.00	207.50	600.00	\$23.00	good	C			
Bow Valley	10	Gleichen	11	2	12	\$4	81	—	—	3	2	1	9	9	9	84	39	—	243.00	500.00	576.00	275.00	—	—	good	4		
Calgary	11	Calgary	9	6	15	\$3	96	1	—	—	—	—	11	10	10	108	45	153.00	336.00	100.00	422.00	—	—	—	good	C		
*Keystone	12	Red Deer	—	—	—	—	87	2	—	2	—	1	28	28	28	114	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	good	8	
The Hiran	19	Youngstown	6	3	13	\$6	47	2	—	10	6	—	14	14	8	47	7	210.00	860.00	300.00	135.00	200.00	—	—	—	good	5	
Banff	20	Banff	9	2	11	\$5	29	—	—	3	—	—	7	7	6	33	4	34.00	268.00	200.00	—	100.00	65.00	—	—	good	1	
Strathmore	21	Strathmore	12	3	17	\$4	—	1	—	—	—	—	20	20	20	41	—	71.50	97.00	490.00	68.00	300.00	55.00	—	—	good	4	
Jos. Stauffer	U.D.	Didsbury	6	—	19	\$3	—	—	—	—	—	—	6	6	4	45	—	50.00	773.00	315.00	43.50	500.00	—	—	—	good	8	
Coronation	U.D	Coronation	3	—	18	\$6	—	15	—	—	—	—	10	10	10	25	—	—	—	583.00	—	—	—	—	—	—	good	3
Crescent	U.D.	Calgary	1	0	75	\$3	—	1	—	—	—	—	30	30	30	55	—	—	300.00	750.00	—	750.00	—	—	—	—	good	C

*Complete Statement not Received.

C signifies Concurrent in last column.

DISTRICT No. 3

Most Excellent the Grand First Principal and Companions of the
Grand Chapter of Alberta, R.A.M.:

I hereby submit my report as Grand Superintendent of Third District of the Grand Chapter of Alberta, for the Chapter Year 1919 and 1920.

Owing to circumstances over which I had no control, I was unable to visit any of the Chapters in my District, except Assiniboia, No. 3, Medicine Hat, until the very end of the Chapter Year.

February 24th I visited Kether Chapter, No. 8, Pincher Creek. Regular Convocation, as there was much snow very few of the out-of-town Companions were at this meeting, this Chapter is well equipped and is doing good work.

February 25th I had planned to visit Hillvue Chapter, No. 15, Hillcrest, but received notice from their Scribe E. that on account of epidemic of Influenza, the Chapter would hold no meetings until further notice. I then took the train for Lethbridge and made both a surprise and official visit at their regular Convocation. Shekinah Chapter, No. 5 is always ready for any kind of a visit. For the past few years the Chapter and Masonic Lodges have not had a very good hall in which to hold meetings. At this Convocation the most important business was the question of taking stock in the S.O.E. Hall, which Masonic Brethren had purchased. The Companions being well versed in the question, it was passed without discussion, and from now on Shekinah Chapter will have a Temple second to none in this District. R. E. Companions N. T. Macleod and W. V. Sanders were present at this meeting. The M.M.M. Degree was conferred in a creditable manner.

March 1st I visited Golden West Chapter, No. 5, High River. The Companions of this Chapter are very efficient and all take a great interest in their Golden West Chapter. They made the day very pleasant for me. This Chapter is financially strong and well equipped.

March 2nd I visited Bekah Chapter, No. 7, Macleod. Here again I found a strong Chapter with very efficient officers. R. E. Companion N. T. Macleod was present at this meeting and installed the Third Principal. This Chapter has but one Masonic Lodge to draw from, consequently in numbers it is limited, but for the good of Capitular Masonry it is strong, always ready and willing to assist other Chapters.

March 3rd I visited Tau Cross Chapter, No. 16, Claresholm, where I received a hearty welcome. This Chapter, as you know, had had a hard struggle. They have now settled down to work and the new officers are determined to overcome their difficulties. In the past year or so they were a little discouraged, but after a visit from Most E. Companion M. M. Downey and R. E. Companion N. T. Macleod, they put on the whole armour and are now doing good work. Financial condition, strong.

Assiniboia Chapter, No. 3, Medicine Hat (my home Chapter), have attended every meeting. An emergent meeting held April 3rd, M. E. Companion M. M. Downey paid his first official visit. Two Companions were Exalted to the Supreme Degree of the H. R. Arch. I was then installed as G. S. of District No. 3 by M. E. Companion Downey. At a regular Convocation held January 15th, 1920, M. E. the Grand First Principal paid his second official visit and installed the officers, except the First

Principal Elect, Companion E. M. Cawker, being out of town. It was my pleasure to install him at the next Regular Convocation held February 19th.

I found all books well kept; regalia and other property fully insured.

I thank the Companions of District No. 3 for the honor in electing me as Grand Superintendent and for the cordial manner in which they one and all received me on my official visits.

Fraternally yours,

W. H. DOTY,

Superintendent District No. 3.

ITEMIZED STATEMENT OF CHAPTER RETURNS AND PROCEEDINGS IN DISTRICT No. 3 FOR THE YEAR 1919

Chapter	Number	Location	Number of Regular Meetings	Number of Emergent Meetings	Average Attendance	Annual Dues per Member	Number Members Last Return	Number of Affiliations	Restorations	Withdrawals	Suspensions	Deaths	M.M.M. Degrees Conferred	M.E.M. Degrees Conferred	R.A. Degrees Conferred	Present Membership	Number of Members 12 mths. in arrears	Liabilities	Assets—Cash or Securities	Assets, Property Regalia, Etc.	Dues Outstanding	Amount of Insurance	Amount Granted to Benevolence	Prospects	Number of Lodges to draw from
Assiniboia ...	3	Medicine Hat	10	5	27	\$3	158	—	—	4	4	—	22	22	22	172	89	—	\$2,000.00	\$300.00	\$300.00	\$397.00	\$215.00	good	6
Shekinah	4	Lethbridge	12	5	20	\$5	128	2	—	5	—	1	15	13	13	128	50	—	120.00	400.00	374.00	600.00	50.00	good	7
Golden West	5	High River	6	2	10	\$3	102	1	3	1	—	1	12	12	11	115	14	nil	1,700.00	400.00	175.00	300.00	—	good	4
Bekah	7	Macleod	12	1	15	\$5	60	—	2	1	1	1	3	3	3	62	11	\$30.00	190.00	500.00	175.00	500.00	—	good	1
Kether	8	Pincher Creek	7	—	12	\$5	36	—	—	—	—	—	2	2	2	38	5	—	115.00	450.00	175.00	300.00	114.00	good	2
Hillvue	15	Hillcrest	11	1	10	\$6	29	1	—	2	8	—	10	10	10	30	5	75.00	455.00	750.00	56.50	400.00	—	good	3
Tau Cross ...	16	Clareshoir	6	—	10	\$4	36	—	—	2	—	—	—	—	—	34	19	100.00	111.00	500.00	190.50	350.00	—	fair	4

On motion of M. E. Comp. S. Y. Taylor, seconded by M. E. Comp. R. Patterson, it was

RESOLVED, That the reports of the Grand Superintendents of Districts be referred to the Committee on Condition of Capitular Masonry.

GRAND SCRIBE E'S REPORT

Calgary, March 1st, 1920.

To the Most Excellent,

The Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Alberta:

I have the honour to submit the Report of the Grand Scribe E. for the year 1919.

The correspondence and general business of the Grand Chapter has been carried on to the best of my ability, and while at times the work has been heavy yet I have had the pleasure of knowing that our Grand Chapter is flourishing and that this year's work has been the most successful in its history.

The Proceedings of the 1918 Convocation were printed and issued to all the Principals, Past Principals and Chapters of our Jurisdiction and copies sent to all other Grand Chapters.

Having been instructed by the Grand Chapter I procured regalia for the Superintendents of our three Districts, and sent one set to each of the present incumbents.

Tenders were called for three Jewels for our Past Grand Z's; the tender of Messrs. Dingwall, Ltd., of Winnipeg, having been found to be the most satisfactory, that firm was instructed to manufacture Jewels for M. E. Comps. Taylor, Rankin and Watson. I trust that the design and price will meet with your approval.

The supply of Constitutions having become exhausted, I consulted with members of the Finance Committee, and had 1,500 copies printed.

During the year petitions from Companions at Didsbury, Coronation, and Crescent Heights, of Calgary, were received, and after having received favorable recommendation of the Superintendent of No. 2 District and the approval of the Grand Z., Dispensations were issued for the erection of new Chapters as follows:—

Joseph Stauffer Chapter, at Didsbury, instituted 23rd July, 1919.

Coronation Chapter, at Coronation, instituted 27th Oct., 1919.

Crescent Chapter, at Calgary, instituted 8th Dec., 1919.

The names of the petitioners will be found as an appendix to this report.

The Grand Chapter debt has been reduced during the year by five hundred dollars, leaving a balance of one thousand dollars owing to Otuskwan Chapter, No. 9.

Three hundred and seventeen Royal Arch Masons Certificates have been issued during the year, and our membership has been increased by three hundred and thirty-three.

The annual fees for the year were fifty cents per capita.

The Scribes E. with few exceptions have performed their duties during the year in a prompt and business like manner, and according to the Constitution.

Copies of the Work have been issued to those entitled to them, and who have applied for them in the regular manner. In all cases the receiver of a copy is called upon to give a receipt, and these receipts are kept on file, so that a complete record is kept of all now in use. There are now only nineteen Copies in my possession, and as I have received a quotation from Scribe E. of the Grand Chapter of Canada, for one hundred (100) at a price of \$1.25 each, I respectfully recommend that instructions be issued to procure that number.

To properly secure the records of this Grand Chapter as printed in the Proceedings, I respectfully recommend that the Grand Scribe E. be authorized to have one hundred (100) volumes bound. One bound copy to be presented to each of the Past Grand First Principals, a sufficient number to be placed in the Grand Chapter Archives for future use, and the remainder to be sold to Companions who wish to buy them.

It is also recommended that a sectional book-case be provided for the keeping of the Proceedings of Sister Grand Chapters, and that an additional section of the filing cabinet be bought. The total cost should not exceed seventy-five dollars (\$75.00).

It will be necessary to have at least 1,000 copies of the Standard By-Laws printed, as the stock is almost exhausted.

I am pleased to inform you that official recognition has been received from all Grand Chapters throughout the world, with the exceptions of those of Pennsylvania and South Carolina, and I am led to believe that recognition from these will be forthcoming at an early date.

The following is a detailed statement of membership:—

Number on Roll of Grand Chapter, 31st December, 1918	1,911	
Additions		
Restored to 31st December, 1919	8	
Admitted to 31st December, 1919	336	
Affiliated to 31st December, 1919	91	435
		—2,346
Deductions		
Deaths to 31st December, 1919	11	
Resignations to 31st December, 1919	55	
Suspensions N.P.D. to 31st December, 1919	36	102
Number on Roll, 31st December, 1919		—2,244
ASSETS		
Cash in Bank, 28th February, 1920	\$1,310.56	
Accounts receivable from Chapters	77.65	
Regalia, Furniture, Books and Stock	1,215.36	
		—\$ 2,603.57
LIABILITIES		
Loan from Otuskwan Chapter, No. 9	\$1,000.00	
Amounts to credit of Chapters	16.85	
		—\$ 1,016.85
Balance Assets over Liabilities		\$ 1,586.72

AMOUNTS RECEIVED FROM CHAPTERS
From 1st March, 1919, to 28th February, 1920

Alberta Chapter, No. 1	\$ 195.50
North Star Chapter, No. 2	212.15
Assiniboia Chapter, No. 3	152.00
Shekinah Chapter, No. 4	84.20
Golden West Chapter, No. 5	92.00
Mount Horeb Chapter, No. 6	41.35
Bekah Chapter, No. 7	3.00
Kether Chapter, No. 8	35.15
Otuskwan Chapter, No. 9	96.35
Bow Valley Chapter, No. 10	73.00
Calgary Chapter, No. 11	81.00
Keystone Chapter, No. 12	149.30
Capital City, No. 13	189.85
Vermilion Chapter, No. 14	41.00
Hillvue Chapter, No. 15	56.00
Tau Cross Chapter, No. 16	19.68
Mount Olivet Chapter, No. 17	114.60
Norwood Chapter, No. 18	61.00
The Hiram Chapter, No. 19	60.40
Banff Chapter, No. 20	83.85
Strathmore Chapter, No. 21	79.75
Joseph Stauffer Chapter, U.D.	175.95
Coronation Chapter, U.D.	105.65
Crescent Chapter, U.D.	204.20
Grand Chapter of B.C.	5.85
	<hr/> \$ 2,412.78

AMOUNTS PAID TO GRAND TREASURER

1919—

28th March	\$ 52.05
6th May	92.50
23rd June	76.15
7th August	173.05
7th August	24.00
25th September	135.00
12th December	146.70
31st December	298.80

1920—

21st January	565.13
9th February	579.05
21st February	145.75
	<hr/> \$ 2,412.78

Amounts due to Chapters—

North Star Chapter, No. 2	\$ 12.00
Kether Chapter, No. 8	1.50
Norwood Chapter, No. 18	1.00
Strathmore Chapter, No. 22 .....	.50
Coronation Chapter, U.D.	1.85
	<hr/> \$ 16.85

Amounts due from Chapters—

Assiniboia Chapter, No. 3	\$ 6.25
Shekinah Chapter, No. 4 .....	.30
Golden West Chapter, No. 5	2.90
Mount Horeb Chapter, No. 6 .....	.15
Bekah Chapter, No. 7	42.15
Otuskwaw Chapter, No. 9	2.45
Bow Valley Chapter, No. 10	1.50
Calgary Chapter, No. 11	7.00
Keystone Chapter, No. 12	1.40
Capital City Chapter, No. 13	2.30
Vermilion Chapter, No. 14 .....	.10
Hillvue Chapter, No. 15	1.00
Tau Cross Chapter, No. 16	4.00
Banff Chapter, No. 20	6.15
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	\$ 77.65

INVENTORY OF STOCK, FURNITURE, ETC.

28th February, 1920

Office Furniture and Typewriter	\$ 230.00
Regalia	330.00
Envelopes, Letterheads, etc.	20.00
Certificate, Stone and Cuts	100.00
Blank Certificates	85.00
Blank Forms	50.00
Copies of Work	30.00
Books of Constitution	200.00
Certificates (Blank) for various purposes	8.00
Books, Office and Blank	150.00
Office Supplies	10.00
Postage on Hand	2.36
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	\$ 1,215.36

CHARTER MEMBERS OF THE JOSEPH STAUFFER CHAPTER, U.D.

1 Duff, John	6 Wilson, Wm.
1 McGhee, James A.	7 Wrightson, C.
3 Grant, James P.	8 Fulkreth, L. B.
4 Publicover, Thos. W.	9 Downie, F. J.
5 Colwell, Frank L.	10 Smith, Michael

CHARTER MEMBERS OF CORONATION CHAPTER, U.D.

1 Zilliax, A.	8 Short, G. A.
2 Towns, A. A.	9 Perkins, O. H.
3 Storey, H. M.	10 Dillon, F. M.
4 Taylor, Robert	11 Fleming, F. W.
5 Sissons, A. T.	12 Rogers, M. H.
6 Locke, E. C.	13 Taylor, A. J.
7 McNeil, W. J.	14 Cochran, O. D.

CHARTER MEMBERS OF CRESCENT CHAPTER, U.D.

1	McPherson, Cyril Archibald	13	Davidson, William M.
2	McFee, Norman	14	Cook, Colin M.
3	McCutcheon, Daniel	15	Chesney, George L.
4	Williams, Edmund Jones	16	Casey, Arthur C.
5	Anderson, Milward V.	17	Noble, Robert
6	Stanley, George Douglas	18	Burke, Julius Belvin
7	Ritchie, Hugh Crichton	19	Nesbitt, Hugh. W.
8	Glover, Alfred	20	Steacy, Ernest M.
9	Byers, Roy	21	Gow, Duncan
10	McCarthy, Timothy Francis	22	Forsey, John H.
11	Patrick, Omar H.	23	Cottrell, Samuel J.
12	Rankin, Robert C.	24	Patterson, Alexander G.

COMPANIONS SUSPENDED FOR N.P.D.

North Star, No. 2 ... A. B. Powley, Norman McLeod.
 Assiniboia, No. 3 .. O. E. Barker, O. Botsford, W. H. McEwan, Jno. A. Perry.
 Bekah, No. 7 H. S. Bailey.
 Bow Valley, No. 10 . J. H. Binns, R. A. Travis.
 Hillvue, No. 15 Jas. Nichol, C. W. Johnston, Jos. Gordon, J. W. Verge, Thos. D. Stockdale, Jno. S. Wallace, Louis A. Weisegerber, Wilfred Wolstenholm.
 Norwood, No. 18 ... Harry K. Dow, Jno. C. Morrison, Jno. H. Wilson, Clarence W. Bookens, Alex. McWhirter, Richard N. Beatty, Wilber E. Clark, J. E. Reid.
 The Hiram, No. 19 .. Wm. Helem, Jno. A. Anderson, Arch. W. Ewers, Wm. P. Ironsides, Wm. E. Ironsides, Geo. E. Kennedy.

MEMBERS SUSPENDED FOR UNMASONIC CONDUCT

Joseph H. Argue and Herbert L. Reid, having been suspended from membership by the Grand Lodge of Alberta, for Unmasonic Conduct, are now hereby suspended from membership in the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Alberta.

COMPANIONS WHO HAVE WITHDRAWN FROM MEMBERSHIP

Alberta, No. 1 Wm. McC. Davidson, John C. Howells.
 North Star, No. 2 .. Jas. A. McKinnon, Jas. M. Horne, A. M. Newman, Louis Law, A. F. Franklin, J. D. McNeill, J. A. Scott.
 Assiniboia, No. 3 ... Jas. T. Johns, A. R. Perry, F. C. Beaumont, M. M. Downey.

Shekinah, No. 4 C. F. Prettie, C. C. Cragg, G. Dickie, W. V. Paapst,
P. L. McCallum.

Golden West, No. 5 . Jas. G. Murray.

Bekah, No. 7 Jno. C. Merkel, Jas. G. Graham.

Bow Valley, No. 10 . J. B. Sim, A. W. Watson, J. H. Freeman.

Keystone, No. 12 ... Arch. Fyfe, Roy Byers.

Capital City, No. 13 . John Gillespie, L. B. Coulter.

Hillvue, No. 15 I. R. Bell, J. M. Windsor.

Tau Cross, No. 16 ... W. A. Melross, Jas. C. O'Bryan.

Norwood, No. 18 .. Gilbert Anderson, W. H. Price.

The Hiram, No. 19.. Geo. McHarg, E. W. Hatton, E. H. Ayling, A. T.
Sissons, A. J. Taylor, T. A. Short, Robt. Taylor,
Wm. J. McNeil, E. C. Locke, H. M. Storey.

Banff, No. 20 Wm. R. Seattle, R. H. Martin, H. C. Ritchie.

COMPANIONS RESTORED SINCE 31st DECEMBER, 1918

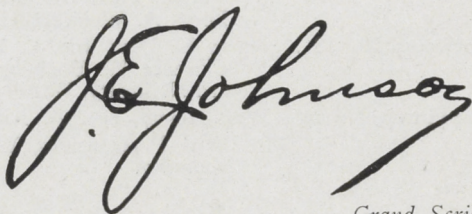
North Star, No. 2... Geo. A. Green, H. A. Murphy.

Golden West, No. 5.. A. Y. McCorquodale, G. F. W. Stribling.

Mount Horeb, No. 6. Jas. W. Hey.

Bekah, No. 7..... E. J. Camies, John Allan.

Fraternally submitted,



Grand Scribe.

Report of Grand Treasurer

March 1, 1919—Cash in Bank of Nova Scotia	\$1,261.67
March 28, 1919—Amount received from Grand Scribe E.	52.05
May 6, 1919—“ “ “ “ “ “	92.50
June 23, 1919—“ “ “ “ “ “	76.15
August 7, 1919—“ “ “ “ “ “	173.05
August 7, 1919—“ “ “ “ “ “	24.00
August 28, 1919—“ “ “ “ “ “	135.00
Sept. 25, 1919—“ “ “ “ “ “	49.50
Dec. 12, 1919—“ “ “ “ “ “	146.70
Dec. 31, 1919—“ “ “ “ “ “	298.80
Jan. 21, 1920—“ “ “ “ “ “	565.13
Feb. 9, 1920—“ “ “ “ “ “	579.05
Feb. 21, 1920—“ “ “ “ “ “	145.75
Feb. 28, 1920—“ “ “ “ “ “	75.10
	\$ 3,674.45

AMOUNTS PAID BY CHEQUE FROM MARCH 1st, 1919 To February 28th, 1920

	Voucher No.	Amt.
March 1, 1919—Campbell Floral Co.	167	\$ 10.00
March 1, 1919—J. H. Routledge, Engrossing Certificates 168		3.00
March 1, 1919—Star Printing Works, Printing	169	3.85
March 8, 1919—F. E. Osborne, Office Supplies	170	1.30
March 15, 1919—J. E. Johnson, Consecration Supplies	171	4.90
March 15, 1919—F. E. Osborne, Office Cabinet	172	36.75
March 15, 1919—F. E. Osborne, Office Supplies	173	2.05
March 15, 1919—Grand Chapter of Canada, Books	174	3.00
March 15, 1919—J. H. Routledge, Engrossing Certificates 175		12.00
March 15, 1919—J. H. Routledge, Engrossing Charter ...	176	8.00
March 15, 1919—Wm. Burns, Grand Tyler	177	10.00
March 15, 1919—Strathmore Hospital Grant.....	178	25.00
March 15, 1919—M. B. Peacock, Law Costs	179	125.00
March 15, 1919—A. R. Dickson, Grand Z's Expenses	180	50.00
March 15, 1919—W. A. Ackland, Premium on Bonds	181	3.00
March 15, 1919—J. E. Johnson, Postage	182	20.00
March 15, 1919—A. W. R. Markley, War Tax	183	2.00
April 26, 1919—Calgary Photo Engraving Co., Cut	184	2.00
April 26, 1919—Star Printing Works, Envelopes	185	9.00
May 6, 1919—J. E. Johnson, Office Furniture	186	7.50
June 23, 1919—Grand Scribe E., Salary	187	150.00
June 23, 1919—Albertan Job Print, Proceedings	188	234.00
June 23, 1919—Ambrose Kent & Sons, Regalia	189	178.65
August 4, 1919—J. D. McAra, Rerint of Constitution ...	190	206.75
August 4, 1919—J. D. McAra, Printing and Books	191	36.75
August 4, 1919—J. H. Routledge, Engrossing Cert., etc. 192		11.00
August 4, 1919—Henry T. Smith, Blank Books	193	7.00
August 4, 1919—F. E. Osborne, Blank Books and Supplies 194		11.45
August 4, 1919—J. E. Johnson, L.D. Phones and Express 195		4.85
August 4, 1919—Alberta Chap. No. 1, Payment on Note .196		200.00

Sept.	25, 1919—J. D. McAra, Books	197	11.25
Nov.	3, 1919—Brit. Colonial Press, Cuts	198	12.55
Nov.	3, 1919—The Bryant Press, Ltd., Musical Services	199	10.00
Nov.	3, 1919—J. E. Johnson, Express, L.D. Phones, etc.	201	5.09
Nov.	3, 1919—Grand Scribe E., Salary	202	75.00
Nov.	3, 1919—J. E. Johnson, Postage	203	20.00
Nov.	24, 1919—W. A. Ackland, Insurance	204	6.80
Nov.	24, 1919—D. R. Dingwall, Ltd., Jewels	205	189.00
Nov.	24, 1919—Star Printing Works, Envelopes	206	8.50
Dec.	19, 1919—Children's Aid Society, Grant	207	25.00
Dec.	19, 1919—Miss A. Campbell, Children's Rel'f Grant	208	25.00
Dec.	19, 1919—Grand Scribe E., Salary	209	75.00
Jan.	20, 1920—F. E. Osborne, Office Supplies	210	3.25
Jan.	20, 1920—J. D. McAra, Printing	211	29.00
Jan.	20, 1920—N. T. Macleod, Expenses	212	6.15
Feb.	21, 1919—J. D. McAra, Printing and Stock	213	57.50
Feb.	21, 1920—West & Brown, Stock	214	3.75
Feb.	21, 1920—Albertan Job Print, Printing	215	14.75
Feb.	21, 1920—Alberta Chapter, No. 1, Interest	216	28.00
Feb.	21, 1920—Alberta Chapter, No. 1, Loan in Full ...	217	300.00
Feb.	21, 1920—Otuskwan Chapter, No. 9, Interest	218	60.00
Feb.	21, 1920—J. E. Johnson, Telegrams, etc.	219	1.00
Feb.	21, 1920—E. B. Curlette, Photos of Past Z's	220	18.50
Feb.	28, 1920—Cash in Bank		1,310.56
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			\$3,674.45

Fraternally submitted,

A. W. R. MARKLEY,

Grand Treasurer,

Calgary, March 4th, 1920

We have Audited the books and vouchers of the Grand Scribe E., and the Grand Treasurer, and find the same to be well kept.

We certify that the attached report of Receipts and Disbursements is in accordance with the vouchers and the books of the Grand Scribe E. and Grand Treasurer.

H. H. FLETCHER,

D. BAREHAM,

Auditors.

On motion of R. E. Comp. H. Darling, seconded by Ex. Comp. A. G. Finch, it was

RESOLVED, that the Reports of the Grand Scribe E. and Grand Treasurer be referred to the Committee of Audit and Finance.

Report of Committee on Grand Z's Address

To the Most Excellent Grand First Principal and Companions of the
Grand Chapter of Alberta:

Your Committee to whom was referred the Most Excellent the Grand First Principal's address, respectfully report as follows:

We desire to congratulate the Most Excellent the Grand First Principal on the harmony that exists throughout this Grand Jurisdiction, and the great progress made during his tenure of office. Not a single note of discord has been struck anywhere, and the true fundamental principles of Free Masonry, Brotherly Love, Relief and Truth, are much in evidence.

At our first annual communication in 1915 this Grand Chapter had seven Subordinate Chapters and a total membership of 747. The present status of 24 Chapters with a membership of 2,244, being over three times the number of Chapters at the time of formation of this Grand Chapter. This is indeed, a condition which is highly gratifying.

The financial condition of our Grand Chapter is also worthy of special mention as all the expenses connected with the formation of Grand Chapter have been fully met and our financial report shows a substantial credit balance in the treasury. This surely fulfills the prediction made by the Grand First Principal of this Grand Chapter, in 1914, when he stated: "The Companions of Alberta are fully convinced that they can best promote the interests of Capitulary Masonry under their own Grand Chapter, and that the expenses incurred therewith will not prove a burden." Much of the success attending this Grand Chapter has been due to the untiring efforts of our present Grand First Principal, and we heartily congratulate him upon the success that has been achieved.

Your Committee desire, also, to join with the Most Excellent the Grand First Principal in their expression of appreciation of the valuable services rendered by R. E. Comp. J. E. Johnson, Grand Scribe E., who has been always ready and willing to render services in whatever direction indicated for the best interests of Capitular Masonry.

Your Committee note with pleasure the visits made by our Grand First Principal to the Grand Chapter of Montana, and Chapters under the Jurisdiction of the Grand Chapter of Canada. Such visitations do much to cement the friendships now existing between the Companions of Sister Jurisdictions and our own Grand Chapter.

Your Committee desire to congratulate the Most Excellent the Grand First Principal on being able to visit every one of the twenty-four Chapters in this Jurisdiction at least once, and in most cases a second time, making in all forty-one visits to these Chapters. These visits, we feel assured, must have been of great value and encouragement to the officers and Companions of our Chapters.

Your Committee also note with pleasure that three new Chapters have been instituted during the past year, each of which give evidence of being instituted under very favorable circumstances, and will doubtless in due time, be a credit to this Grand Chapter.

Your Committee are pleased to note that no special ruling has been referred to the Grand First Principal during the past year; thus showing that the Companions are studying their Constitutions more carefully and becoming more efficient in the work of Capitulary Masonry.

Your Committee concur with the Most Excellent the Grand "Z" in that the officers of a Chapter should be prompt in their attendance and insist upon opening the Chapter promptly at the time fixed by their By-laws for so doing, and that they should do everything within their power to maintain the dignity of their respective officers.

Your Committee also heartily concur with the Most Excellent the Grand "Z" in his recommendation that a Chapter of Instruction should be held in each District in the Province, and that the Grand Lecturer should be present, and that his travelling expenses should be paid by Grand Chapter when in attendance thereat. They also heartily concur in his recommendation that the Grand Superintendent for each District should be selected from merit only, without consideration as to the Chapter to which he may belong.

Your Committee are, however, of the opinion that a less number of Districts than that proposed by the Most Excellent the Grand First Principal is desirable. They feel that where Districts are small the number eligible for the office of Grand Superintendent is limited and too often Companions are selected who have no particular qualifications for the office. Such a Companion should not only be fully qualified to confer Degrees but should have a thorough knowledge of the Constitution and be generally versed in Capitulary Masonry, and be able to address the Companions upon Masonic subjects.

Your Committee are also of the opinion that the time has not yet arrived when the travelling expenses of the Grand Superintendents should be paid.

Your Committee heartily endorse the recommendation made by the Most Excellent the Grand "Z" that this Grand Chapter assume some definite task through which they will be putting into practice the purposes of our Order in some definite tangible way.

In conclusion, your Committee desire to again express their appreciation of the excellent services rendered to Capitular Masonry by the Most Excellent the Grand First Principal and trust that he may long be spared to enjoy the honors which he has worthily merited.

Fraternally submitted,

J. N. RANKIN, Chairman.

S. Y. TAYLOR,

F. S. WATSON.

On motion of M. E. Comp. J. N. Rankin, seconded by M. E. Comp. F. S. Watson, it was

RESOLVED, That the report of the Committee on Grand Z's address be received and adopted.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON AUDIT AND FINANCE

To the Grand Z., Officers and Companions
Grand Chapter of Alberta, R.A.M.:

Your Committee on Audit and Finance beg to report as follows:

We recommend that the Grand Z's expenses for the year be paid.

We recommend that the tenders of the McAra Printing Company for printing 700 copies of the proceedings be accepted.

We approve of the action taken by Grand Scribe E. in procuring the three Past Grand Z. Jewels and recommend that the design be adopted.

We recommend that the Grand Scribe E. procure a sectional book-case and an additional section for his file cabinet.

We recommend that the Grand Scribe E. have 1,000 copies of the standard By-laws printed.

We recommend that the debt of the Grand Chapter to Otuskwan Chapter, No. 9, be repaid as far as possible during the coming year.

We recommend that the Grand Scribe E. procure 100 bound volumes of the proceedings of Grand Chapter since its inception, and place 20 volumes in the Archives of Grand Chapter, present copies to all Past Grand Z's and sell the remainder to the members of Grand Chapter desiring them.

We approve the action of the Grand Scribe E. in procuring 1,500 copies of the Constitution.

We congratulate Grand Chapter on having such an efficient and capable Grand Scribe Ezra, and recommend that the salary of Grand Scribe E. be increased to \$420 per annum and be payable quarterly.

Fraternally submitted,

F. S. SELWOOD,

E. C. DUNLOP,

JESSE ELLIOTT,

J. N. RANKIN.

On motion of R. E. Comp. F. S. Selwood, seconded by M. E. Comp. J. N. Rankin, it was

RESOLVED, That the report of the Committee on Audit and Finance be received and adopted.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE CONDITION OF CAPITULAR MASONRY

To the Most Excellent the Grand Z., Officers and Companions
of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Alberta:

Dear Sir and Most Excellent Comp.:

Your Committee on the Condition of Capitular Masonry having read the reports of the Grand Scribe E. and Superintendents of Districts and Grand Treasurer, have noted first of all, the excellent financial standing of the Grand Chapter and that there has been a substantial increase of about one-sixth in membership, and that Warrants for three new Chapters have been issued.

While not condemning, we would suggest that the Chapters take into consideration whether they are justified in having so large funds on hand or if these funds should be working Masonically? We note that some Chapters have too many members that are more than twelve months in arrears. We commend the use of forms of itemized statements to the Chapters, but observe that all Chapters have not sent in these forms. We further note that the Grand Z. and the Grand Superintendents have been painstaking and faithful in their duties in visiting, encouraging and generally looking after the welfare of Capitular Masonry, and that they find nearly all Chapters carrying insurance and the work well done. We approve of the suggestion of the Grand Scribe E., that additional copies of the work be secured.

Fraternally submitted,

F. S. WATSON,
J. ELLIOTT.

On motion of E. Comp. G. B. McLeod, seconded by R. E. Comp. W. E. Mercer, it was

RESOLVED, That the report of the Committee on the Condition of Capitular Masonry be received and adopted.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON GRIEVANCES AND APPEALS

To the Most Ex. Grand Z., Officers and Companions of the
Grand Chapter of Alberta:

We, your Committee, are more than pleased to state that good feeling and harmony has prevailed among the Companions of the different Chapters in the province; that we have nothing further to report under this heading.

Fraternally submitted,

ROBERT PATTERSON
W. J. SEED

On motion of R. E. Comp. W. J. Seed, seconded by R. E. Comp. H. Darling, it was

RESOLVED, That the report of the Committee on Grievances and Appeals be received and adopted.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON FRATERNAL DEAD

To the M. Ex. the Grand First Principal and Officers and Companions
of the Grand Chapter of Alberta:

M. Ex. Sir and Comp.:

Since our last meeting 30 Companions of Sister Jurisdictions, and 11 of our own Jurisdictions, have gone over to the silent majority. Of these 30, nearly all were of the rank of P.G.H.P., and of these 11 of our own Jurisdiction, one was a victim of the great war. Each year we are faced by this same loss, differing only in degree. It would sometimes seem that all had been said which could be said of our sense of loss, of the good qualities of those gone, and of our eternal hope. Fortunately this year but one of these has fallen from the ranks while on military service. Doubtless never before have the problems been so

complex, overwhelming and many, as now. Men are weary, anxious, and sometimes discouraged, and so would seem to yield more easily to disease and the ravages of time. In the midst of our perplexities and disappointments, the buoyancy of hope and the sureness of promise are ours, because we believe today, as never before, that His hand is guiding and the Word is His. The things worth while are not dollars, but hearts, and the homely words of the poet again prove true:

“There’s a money of the soul, my friend, you’ll find in after years;
Its pennies are the sweat-drops, its dollars are the tears,
And Love is the redeeming gold which measures what they’re worth,
And you’ll get as much hereafter as you’ve given out on earth.”

We believe that out of this hour and all its tragedy the conviction will grow stronger that humanity was not to be the plaything of mere things; that a man’s heart and mind, to say nothing of his soul, is of vastly more importance than all he could possess of mere things, and that the unseen things of the soul are the only things man ever keeps.

Assured that our Companions, whatever their station in the Fraternity, laid down the working tools of life with some considerable balance to their credit of these unseen things; we bid them farewell with regret for their loss, but in the full hope that we shall see them again.

Your Committee would move that suitable memorial pages be placed in our Annual in memory of those Companions who have left us.

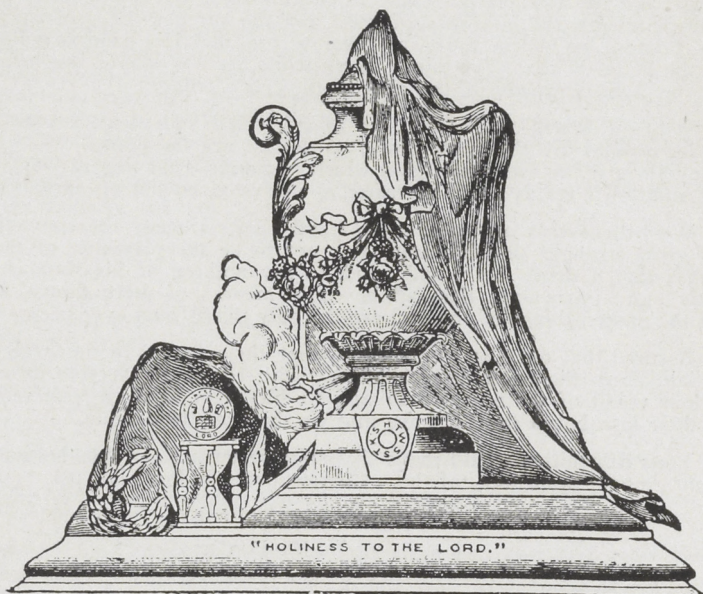
Fraternally submitted,

H. DARLING,

Chairman.

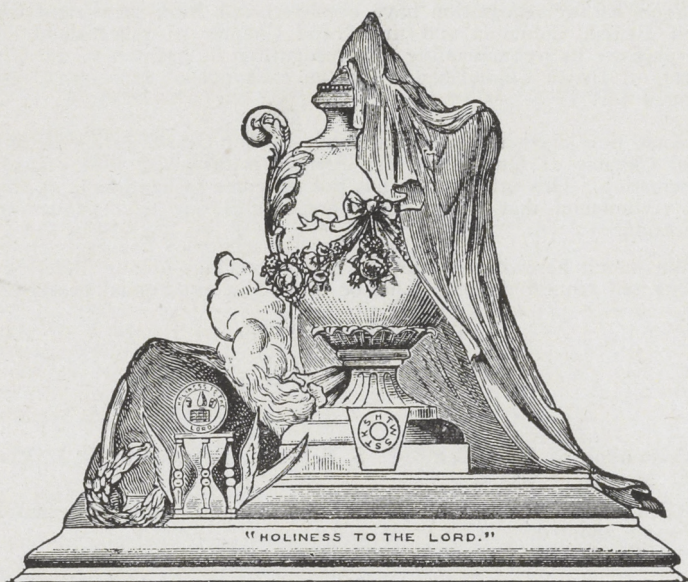
On motion of R. E. Comp. H. Darling, seconded by M. E. Comp. J. N. Rankin, it was

RESOLVED, That the report of the Committee on Fraternal Dead be adopted.



In Memory
of the
Deceased Companions of Sister
Jurisdictions
for the Year 1919

"Earth to earth, and dust to dust,"
Calmly now the words we say,
Left behind, we wait in trust
Till the Resurrection-Day.



In Memory
of the
Companions of Our Own
Jurisdiction
for the Year 1919

Now the labourer's task is o'er,
Now the battle-day is past;
Now upon the farther shore
Lands the voyager at last.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON FRATERNAL CORRESPONDENCE

To the Most Excellent the Grand Z., Officers and Companions:

Requests for recognition have been received from the Grand Chapter of British Columbia and the Grand Chapter of Queensland. We have pleasure in recommending that recognition be granted to the Grand Chapter of British Columbia and that an exchange of representatives be arranged for.

Some time ago a request was made by our Grand Scribe E. to the Grand Chapter of Queensland for further information with regard to its formation. This information has not yet come to hand and, we therefore, recommend that action be deferred until our next annual communication.

We submit herewith a review of the proceedings of our Sister Jurisdictions and request that the same be printed in our annual proceedings.

Fraternally submitted,

S. Y. TAYLOR
J. E. JOHNSON
F. S. SELWOOD

On motion of R. E. Comp. F. S. Selwood, seconded by R. E. Comp. W. E. Mercer, it was

RESOLVED, That the report of the Committee on Fraternal Relations be adopted.

PROCEEDINGS RECEIVED

Alabama .....1918	Kansas .....1919	New Mexico ...1918
Arkansas ..1918-1919	Kentucky .....1918	Ohio .....1919
Arizona .....1919	Louisiana .....1919	Oklahoma .....1919
Canada .....1919	Massachusetts '18-19	Oregon .....1919
California .....1919	Maine .....1919	Quebec .....1919
Colorado .....1919	Michigan .....1919	Rhode Island ..1918
Connecticut .....1919	Minnesota .....1919	South Dakota...1919
Dist. Columbia .1919	Missouri .....1919	Tennessee .1919-1920
England (Mark) 1919	New Hamp. ....1919	Texas .....1918-1919
Florida .....1919	New York .....1919	Utah .....1919
Georgia .....1919	N. Carolina ..1918-19	Vermont .....1919
Iowa .....1918-1919	Nova Scotia .1918-19	Virginia .....1918
Ireland .....1918	Nevada .....1918	Victoria ...1918-1919
Illinois .....1919	Nebraska .....1919	Washington ....1919
Idaho .....1919	North Dakota ..1919	West Virginia ..1918
Indiana .....1919	New Jersey ....1919	Wisconsin .....1919

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON JURISPRUDENCE

To the Most Excellent Grand Z., Officers and Members
of the Grand Chapter of Alberta:

Your Committee on Jurisprudence respectfully beg to report that no business has come before your Committee for consideration.

On motion of R. E. Comp. H. Darling, seconded by R. E. Comp. F. S. Selwood, it was

RESOLVED, That the report of the Committee on Jurisprudence be adopted.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON BENEVOLENCE

To the Most Excellent Grand Z., Officers and Companions
of the Grand Chapter of Alberta, R.A.M.:

Dear Sir and Most Ex. Comp.:

Your Committee on Benevolence begs to report that contributions have been received from the following Chapters:

Assiniboia, No. 3	\$215.00
Shekinah, No. 4	50.00
Kether, No. 8	114.00
Otuskwan, No. 9	23.00
Capital City, No. 13	76.00
Banff, No. 20	65.00
Strathmore, No. 21	55.00
TOTAL	\$498.00

Of the amount contributed by Strathmore Chapter, \$25.00 was donated to the Hospital at Strathmore, and the contribution from Banff Chapter was divided equally between the Children's Aid Society of Calgary and the relief of other children in that city.

Fraternally submitted,

W. J. SEED
S. Y. TAYLOR
W. T. COOTE

On motion of R. E. Comp. W. J. Seed, seconded by R. E. Comp. W. E. Mercer, it was

RESOLVED, That the report of the Committee on Benevolence be adopted.

REPORT OF SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON BENEVOLENCE

To the Most Excellent the Grand Z., Officers and Members
of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Alberta:

Your Committee on Special Benevolence begs to report that having covered the ground from all angles, in our consideration and investigations on benevolence, and having given all heed to suggestions offered at our last Annual Convocation, that;

Charity being the foundation store of our institution, we should be building thereon; having some definite plan to work upon.

Masonry as a whole, in Alberta, should have an object, a part of which could be taken care of by Royal Arch Masons as their particular work.

We believe that the time has arrived for the Alberta Masons to start on a definite plan.

We recommend that a Committee be appointed to work towards that end with all kindred Masonic Bodies.

We recommend that we start a fund now by having each Chapter assessed Five Dollars (\$5.00) on each fee for exaltation.

Fraternally submitted,

F. S. WATSON
D. MCINTOSH
J. N. RANKIN

On motion of M. E. Comp. J. N. Rankin, seconded by R. E. Comp. H. Darling, it was

RESOLVED, That the report of the Special Committee on Benevolence be adopted.

On motion of M. E. Comp. S. Y. Taylor, seconded by M. E. Comp. Robt. Patterson, it was

RESOLVED, That a Committee be appointed to consider the re-arrangement of the Districts of this Grand Chapter and report at a later session of Grand Chapter.

The Most Excellent Grand Z. appointed R. E. Comps. W. T. Coote, W. E. Mercer and Ex. Comp. S. Middleton to act on this Committee.

The above Committee later reported as follows:
Most Excellent Sir:

Your Committee recommends that the Districts be divided as recommended in the Grand Z. report.

Fraternally submitted,

W. T. COOTE
S. MIDDLETON
W. E. MERCER

On motion of R. E. Comp. W. T. Coote, seconded by Ex. Comp. S. Middleton, it was

RESOLVED, That the report be received and adopted.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

The Most Excellent the Grand Z. appointed M. E. Comp. Abraham Shaw, M. E. Comp. Francis D. Jones and R. E. Comp. David Craig, as Scrutineers of the Ballot.

The election of Grand Officers was then proceeded with, and resulted as follows:

M. E. Comp. Norman T. Macleod	Grand Z.
R. E. Comp. Hiram Darling	Grand H.
R. E. Comp. William T. Coote	Grand J.
R. E. Comp. John E. Johnson	Grand Scribe E.
R. E. Comp. David McIntosh	Grand Scribe N.
R. E. Comp. Howard H. Fletcher	Grand Treasurer
R. E. Comp. George B. Macleod	Grand Prin. Sojourner
R. E. Comp. Joseph G. Morris	Grand Registrar

GRAND SUPERINTENDENTS

Grand Chapter was then called off to enable the Districts to select their Grand Superintendents for the ensuing year.

On Grand Chapter resuming labor, the following nominations for District Superintendents were submitted to the M. E. the Grand Z., who was pleased to approve in each case, and the selections were confirmed:

R. E. Comp. R. C. Macdonald	.....	Edmonton	.....	District No. 1
R. E. Comp. W. J. Stephenson	.....	Red Deer	.....	District No. 2
R. E. Comp. M. B. Peacock	.....	Calgary	.....	District No. 3
R. E. Comp. T. W. Bates	.....	Gleichen	.....	District No. 4
R. E. Comp. John Allan	.....	Macleod	.....	District No. 5

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The following Companions were elected for the term of two years:

R. E. Comp. Jesse Elliott	.....	Medicine Hat
R. E. Comp. E. C. Dunlop	.....	Edmonton
R. E. Comp. W. E. Mercer	.....	Calgary
R. E. Comp. W. J. Seed	.....	Edmonton, and
R. E. Comp. Geo. B. Macleod	.....	Edmonton, for the term of one year

NEXT PLACE OF MEETING

The Cities of Edmonton and Banff, having been nominated for the meeting-place of the next Annual Convocation, and having balloted on, the City of Edmonton, having received the majority of votes, was declared to be the choice of Grand Chapter.

GENERAL BUSINESS

NOTICE OF MOTION by R. E. Comp. J. E. Johnson

That the Constitution be amended by adding the following clause to be known as No. 107a:

"Notice of such suspension shall be given to the Grand Scribe E., to other Chapters having concurrent jurisdiction, and to all Chapters in the District in which the Chapter is situated."

NOTICE OF MOTION by R. E. Comp. J. E. Johnson

That the Constitution be amended by adding the following clause to be known as No. 59a:

"A fine of Five Dollars per month for each month's delay shall be imposed upon every Chapter, the returns of which shall not have been mailed to the Grand Scribe E.'s office on or before January 15th in each year."

NOTICE OF MOTION by R. E. Comp. J. E. Johnson

That the Constitution be amended by adding the following clause to be known as No. 100a:

"No Companion shall be a member of more than one Chapter in this Jurisdiction at the same time (except as an honorary or life member). This rule shall not apply to members of a Chapter under dispensation,

but when a Charter is granted, the Companion must at once apply for a demit from the Chapter of which he was previously a member."

NOTICE OF MOTION by R. E. Comp. H. Darling

"That Good Standing in Chapter membership be dependent on good standing in Craft Masonry."

It was moved by Ex. Comp. J. R. Flan, seconded by R. E. Comp. E. C. Dunlop; That the Grand Scribe E. be authorized to secure prices from the different firms and carry a stock of Regalia, to be disposed of to the Chapters at actual cost plus the cost of shipping, etc.

It was moved in amendment, by R. E. Comp. Coote, seconded by V. E. Comp. M. B. Peacock, that the Grand Scribe E. purchase a supply of Regalia and the same be supplied to the Chapters at cost plus 10%.

A vote having been taken, both the amendment and the original motion were declared "LOST."

On motion of R. E. Comp. J. Elliott, seconded by R. E. Comp. E. C. Dunlop, it was

RESOLVED, That a grant of ten dollars (\$10.00) be made to acting Grand Tyler Companion Keyte.

On motion of R. E. Comp. W. J. Seed, seconded by Ex. Comp. J. R. Flan, it was

RESOLVED, That a grant of ten dollars (\$10.00) be made to Perfection Masonic Lodge for expenses in connection with the lighting and cleaning of the Lodge Room.

On motion of R. E. Comp. E. C. Dunlop, seconded by Ex. Comp. R. L. McIlveen, it was

RESOLVED, That the thanks of Grand Chapter be extended to Ashler Lodge and Calgary Chapter, for their kindness in allowing Grand Chapter the use of the Lodge Rooms for this Convocation.

On motion of R. E. Comp. F. S. Selwood, seconded by R. E. Comp. H. Darling, it was

RESOLVED, That the Grand Scribe E. be authorized to procure suitable Regalia for the use of the Grand Superintendents of Districts No. 4 and No. 5 and Past Grand First Principal's Jewels for M. E. Companions Robert Patterson, A. R. Dickson and M. M. Downey.

On motion of M. E. Comp. J. N. Rankin, seconded by R. E. Comp. W. E. Mercer, it was

RESOLVED, That this Grand Chapter express its sincere appreciation of the visit to this Grand Chapter of M. E. Comp. Francis D. Jones and R. E. Comp. David Craig, of the Grand Chapter of Montana.

The distinguished Companions suitably acknowledged the vote of thanks and expressed their thanks to the Companions for the reception they had received in Alberta.

On motion of R. E. Comp. H. Darling, seconded by R. E. Comp. N. T. Macleod, it was

RESOLVED, That the Grand Chapter of Alberta, appreciates the visit of M. E. Comp. Abraham Shaw, Past Grand Z. of the Grand Chapter of Canada. "His genial word and timely guidance have been alike welcome."

M. E. Comp. Shaw expressed his pleasure at having been able to be present at the Annual Convocation.

On motion of R. E. Comp. David McIntosh, seconded by R. E. Comp. F. S. Selwood, it was

RESOLVED, That the thanks of the assembled Grand Chapter be tendered to R. E. Comp. J. E. Johnson for his faithful and efficient services as Grand Scribe E.

On motion of R. E. Comp. W. T. Coote, seconded by R. E. Comp. H. Darling, it was

RESOLVED, That the thanks of this Grand Body be extended to the four Calgary Chapters and the Grand Z. M. E. Comp. M. M. Downey, for the very cordial reception extended to the delegates.

OFFICERS INSTALLED

M. E. Comp. Abraham Shaw, assisted by Past Grand Officers then proceeded with the installation and investiture of the newly elected officers of the Grand Chapter, who were then proclaimed and saluted according to ancient custom.

On motion of R. E. Comp. W. T. Coote, seconded by R. E. Comp. H. Darling, it was

RESOLVED, That a hearty vote of thanks be tendered to M. E. Comp. Shaw for his kindness in installing the officers of Grand Chapter.

APPOINTMENTS TO OFFICE

The following appointments by Most Excellent Companion Norman T. Macleod, Grand Z., were subsequently announced:

V. E. Comp. W. C. Black....	Calgary	Grand Senior Sojourner
V. E. Comp. J. E. Rannard ...	Lethbridge	Grand Junior Sojourner
M. E. Comp. M. M. Downey...	Calgary	Grand Lecturer
V. E. Comp. W. D. Graham...	Sedgewick	Grand Sword Bearer
V. E. Comp. R. W. Manley...	Wetaskiwin	Gr. Master 1st Veil
V. E. Comp. D. C. McKenzie.	Hillvue	Gr. Master 2nd Veil
V. E. Comp. R. L. McIlveen..	Banff	Gr. Master 3rd Veil
V. E. Comp. J. B. Sutherland.	Macleod	Gr. Master 4th Veil
V. E. Comp. J. H. Green....	High River	Gr. Dir. of Ceremonies
V. E. Comp. W. A. Ackland..	Calgary	Grand Organist
V. E. Comp. J. R. Flan.....	Calgary	Grand Pursuivant
V. E. Comp. G. Frank Butler.	Strathmore	Grand Steward
V. E. Comp. M. M. Steele....	Pincher Creek ...	Grand Steward
V. E. Comp. H. O. Haslam...	Claresholm	Grand Steward
V. E. Comp. Oliver Cowin....	Youngstown	Grand Steward
V. E. Comp. J. J. Green.....	Edmonton	Grand Janitor

GRAND CHAPTER CONVOCATION CLOSED

The labors of the Convocation being ended, Grand Chapter was closed in AMPLE FORM at 4.30 p.m.



Grand Scribe E.

GRAND CHAPTER OFFICERS SINCE ORGANIZATION, 29th MAY, 1914

GRAND OFFICERS

	1914	1915	1916	1917
Grand Z.	S. Y. Taylor	J. N. Rankin	F. S. Watson	Robert Patterson
Grand H.	F. S. Watson	F. S. Watson	R. Patterson	A. R. Dickson
Grand J.	T. C. Bruce	T. C. Bruce	A. R. Dickson	M. M. Downey
Grand Scribe E.	M. M. Downey	M. M. Downey	M. M. Downey	J. E. Johnson
Grand Scribe N.	A. R. Yates	A. R. Dickson	E. D. H. Wilkins	Geo. D. Stanley
Grand Prin. Sojourner.	E. D. H. Wilkins	E. D. H. Wilkins	A. R. Yates	N. T. Macleod
Grand Treasurer	A. W. R. Markley	A. W. R. Markley	A. W. R. Markley	A. W. R. Markley
Grand Registrar	A. West	A. West	V. A. Bowes	E. D. H. Wilkins
Grand Senior Sojourner.	T. Rankine	D. W. McMillan	W. A. Mahaffy	Geo. W. Elliott
Grand Junior Sojourner.	A. H. Spurr	W. A. Mahaffy	D. L. Murison	David McIntosh
Grand Lecturer	I. H. Argue	I. H. Argue	J. H. Argue	J. H. Argue
Grand Sword Bearer.	G. B. McLeod	G. B. McLeod	G. D. Wallace	W. F. W. Lent
Grand M. 1st Veil	H. I. Miller	H. G. Hoare	A. N. Lindsay	William H. Coote
Grand M. 2nd Veil	G. T. Bragg	T. H. Irvine	D. McKenzie	R. Powell
Grand M. 3rd Veil	C. E. Macdonald	D. G. Campbell	R. C. Macdonald	Thos. Burnett
Grand M. 4th Veil.	W. E. Lord	James Walker	E. E. Farley	J. A. MacDonald
Grand D. of C.	I. M. Empey	A. R. Yates	James Walker	F. S. Selwood
Grand Organist	G. J. Davis	F. B. Cooper	Peter Walker	J. E. Hodgson
Grand Pursuivant	E. E. Farley	E. E. Farley	H. H. Fletcher	Joseph Longdon
Grand Steward	Geo. McManus	F. R. Jelfs	W. E. Mercer	S. M. Fraser
Grand Steward	W. A. Mahaffy	Gaius Allen	D. W. McMillan	G. E. Hayward
Grand Steward	G. L. Chesney	D. L. Murison	Gaius Allen	J. A. Neff
Grand Steward	J. S. Lambert	G. J. Davis	G. J. Davis	William Thompson
Grand Janitor	Harvey Brock	R. C. Bruce	J. L. Johnson	Thos. Baird

GRAND CHAPTER OFFICERS SINCE ORGANIZATION, 29th MAY, 1914 (Continued)

GRAND OFFICERS	1918		1919		1920	
Grand Z.	A. R. Dickson	M. M. Downey	N. T. Macleod	N. T. Macleod	N. T. Macleod	N. T. Macleod
Grand H.	M. M. Downey	N. T. Macleod	H. Darling	H. Darling	H. Darling	H. Darling
Grand J.	N. T. Macleod	H. Darling	W. T. Coote	W. T. Coote	W. T. Coote	W. T. Coote
Grand Scribe E.	J. E. Johnson	J. E. Johnson	J. E. Johnson	J. E. Johnson	J. E. Johnson	J. E. Johnson
Grand Scribe N.	P. J. Dewie	E. C. Dunlop	D. McIntosh	D. McIntosh	D. McIntosh	D. McIntosh
Grand Prin. Sojourner	W. T. Coote	W. A. Mahaffy	Geo. B. MacLeod	Geo. B. MacLeod	Geo. B. MacLeod	Geo. B. MacLeod
Grand Treasurer	A. W. R. Markley	A. W. R. Markley	H. H. Fletcher	H. H. Fletcher	H. H. Fletcher	H. H. Fletcher
Grand Registrar	D. W. McMillan	Jesse Elliott	Jos. G. Morris	Jos. G. Morris	Jos. G. Morris	Jos. G. Morris
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Grand Lecturer	J. H. Argue	J. H. Argue	M. M. Downey	M. M. Downey	M. M. Downey	M. M. Downey
Grand Sword Bearer	R. D. Robertson	R. H. Struthers	W. D. Graham	W. D. Graham	W. D. Graham	W. D. Graham
Grand M. 1st Veil	J. Dan McDonald	G. E. Cruickshank	R. W. Manley	R. W. Manley	R. W. Manley	R. W. Manley
Grand M. 2nd Veil	D. Thompson	Harvey Brock	D. C. McKenzie	D. C. McKenzie	D. C. McKenzie	D. C. McKenzie
Grand M. 3rd Veil	H. B. Jamieson	S. T. Fawcett	R. L. McIlveen	R. L. McIlveen	R. L. McIlveen	R. L. McIlveen
Grand M. 4th Veil	A. W. Rosborough	D. McLean	J. B. Sutherland	J. B. Sutherland	J. B. Sutherland	J. B. Sutherland
Grand D. of C.	Geo. Simpson	M. B. Peacock	J. H. Green	J. H. Green	J. H. Green	J. H. Green
Grand Organist	F. B. Cooper	W. A. Ackland	W. A. Ackland	W. A. Ackland	W. A. Ackland	W. A. Ackland
Grand Pursuivant	Geo. Campbell	D. A. Taylor	J. R. Flan	J. R. Flan	J. R. Flan	J. R. Flan
Grand Steward	F. S. Macpherson	A. N. Saddington	G. F. Butler	G. F. Butler	G. F. Butler	G. F. Butler
Grand Steward	A. Hayr	H. Macpherson	M. M. Steele	M. M. Steele	M. M. Steele	M. M. Steele
Grand Steward	R. C. MacDonald	W. J. Haynes	H. O. Haslam	H. O. Haslam	H. O. Haslam	H. O. Haslam
Grand Steward	S. M. Fraser	H. D. McMillan	Oliver Cowin	Oliver Cowin	Oliver Cowin	Oliver Cowin
Grand Janitor	Wm. Burns	S. H. Davies	J. J. Green	J. J. Green	J. J. Green	J. J. Green

CHAPTER RETURNS TO DECEMBER 31st, 1919

No.	NAME OF CHAPTER	WHERE HELD	REGULAR CONVOCA- TION	FIRST PRINCIPAL, Z	SCRIBE E	Members Dec., 1918	Admissions	Joinings	Restorations	Withdrawals	Suspensions	Deaths	Members Dec., 1919	Increase	Decrease	Net Increase
1	Alberta	Calgary	1st Wednesday	A. H. Duff	J. N. Rankin	252	15	2	...	2	...	2	265	13	...	...
2	North Star ..	Edmonton	2nd Tuesday	G. W. Elliott	M. C. Wright	229	22	2	2	10	4	2	239	10	...	...
3	Assiniboia ...	Medicine Hat ..	3rd Thursday	E. M. Cowker	R. M. Napier	158	22	...	...	4	4	...	172	14	...	...
4	Shekinah ...	Lethbridge	4th Wednesday	W. D. King	A. Hayr	117	15	2	...	5	...	1	128	11	...	...
5	Golden West ..	High River	Mon., on or b. full m.	W. E. M. Holmes ..	P. G. Thomas	102	12	1	3	1	1	1	115	13	...	...
6	Mount Horeb ..	Wetaskiwin	4th Thursday	G. D. Wallace	R. W. Manley	78	1	...	1	...	...	...	80	2	...	...
7	Bekah	Macleod	1st Tuesday	S. Middleton	D. L. Murison	60	3	...	2	1	1	1	62	2	...	...
8	Kether	Pincher Creek ..	1st Thurs. o. or b. f. m.	H. D. McMillan ..	R. M. Brown	36	2	...	...	...	...	...	38	2	...	...
9	Otuskwan	Calgary	1st Thursday	H. J. Cole	J. J. Webster	126	9	1	...	3	2	...	131	5	...	...
10	Bow Valley ..	Calgary	2nd Wednesday ..	R. P. Umbrite	W. J. McMullen ..	81	9	...	...	3	2	1	84	3	...	...
11	Calgary	Gleichen	2nd Wednesday ..	W. C. Black	E. H. Bagnall	96	11	1	...	...	...	...	108	12	...	...
12	Keystone	Calgary	3rd Friday	C. H. Stone	A. G. Ayres	87	28	2	...	2	...	1	114	27	...	...
13	Capital City ..	Edmonton	2nd Friday	R. G. Thomson ..	D. McIntosh	199	26	4	...	2	...	1	226	27	...	...
14	Vermilion	Vermilion	2nd Tuesday	J. W. G. Morrison ..	A. Youngblud	58	6	...	...	1	...	1	62	4	...	...
15	Hillvue	Hillcrest	Wed., on or b. f. m.	E. C. Macdonald ..	J. D. McDonald ..	29	10	1	...	2	8	...	30	1	...	...
16	Tau Cross	Clareholm	2nd Tuesday	J. B. Boese	J. C. Hooper	36	...	...	...	2	...	...	34	...	2	...
17	Mt. Olivet ...	Killam	Wed., after new m.	J. W. Oakes	W. D. Graham	27	22	1	...	...	...	...	50	23	...	...
18	Norwood	Edmonton	1st Wednesday ..	A. C. Sloane	G. W. Potter	64	7	1	...	4	8	...	60	...	4	...
19	The Hiram	Youngstown	1st Wed. after f.m.	O. Cowin	J. W. Beamish	47	14	2	...	10	6	...	47	...	...	...
20	Banff	Banff	1st Thurs. after f.m.	A. N. Saddington ..	W. H. Hiscocks ..	29	7	...	...	3	...	...	33	4	...	...
21	Strathmore ..	Strathmore	2nd Thursday	H. W. B. Bell	G. Frank Butler ..	nile	20	21	...	...	...	...	41	...	...	...
UD	Jos. Stauffer ..	Didsbury	1st Wed. after f.m.	Jas. A. McGhee	W. G. Evans	nile	35	10	...	...	...	...	45	...	...	...
UD	Coronation ...	Coronation	2nd Thurs. after f.m.	E. C. Locke	H. M. Storey	nile	10	15	...	...	...	...	25	...	...	...
UD	Crescent	Calgary	2nd Monday	R. C. Rankin	M. M. Downey ..	nile	30	25	...	...	...	...	55	...	...	...
Totals.....						1911	336	91	8	55	36	11	2244	339	6	333

Grand Royal Arch Chapters

<i>Grand Chapters</i>	<i>Grand Secretaries</i>	<i>Address</i>
Alabama.....	Geo. A. Beauchamp	Montgomery
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Tennessee	Stith M. Cain	Nashville
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Alabama	A. R. Yates	Gleichen, Alberta
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Ireland	A. N. Saddington	Banff, Alberta
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Louisiana	John E. Johnson	Calgary, Alberta
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New Zealand	H. E. Beddingfield	High River, Alberta
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South Dakota	A. R. Duncan	Edmonton, Alberta
Tennessee	Norman T. Macleod	Lethbridge, Alberta
Texas	R. C. MacDonald	Edmonton, Alberta
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Vermont	Melvin M. Downey	Calgary, Alberta
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Victoria	David McIntosh	Edmonton, Alberta
Washington	A. W. R. Markley	Calgary, Alberta
West Australia	S. E. Cornell	Edmonton, Alberta
West Virginia	Wm. Thompson	Edmonton, Alberta
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Wyoming	F. E. Nichol	Killam, Alberta

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Pennsylvania		
Quebec	Walter J. Francis	Montreal, Canada
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Wisconsin	George W. Bell	Hudson, Wis.
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R. E. Comp. W. T. Coote, Grand J.	R.E. Comp. John Allan, G.Supt.

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R. E. Comp. J. A. R. Powell.	R. E. Comp. E. C. Dunlop.
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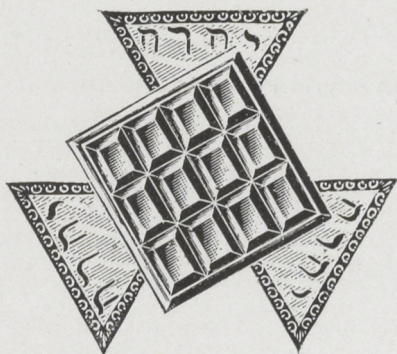
Foreign Correspondence

M. E. Comp. S. Y. Taylor, Chairman; M. E. Comp. M. M. Downey, R. E. Comp. F. S. Selwood.

The next Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Alberta will be held in the City of Edmonton, on the Second Wednesday in March, being the 9th day of March, 1921.

J. E. JOHNSON,

Grand Scribe. E.



FIRST

Convention of Grand Council

Order of

HIGH PRIESTHOOD

FOR ALBERTA

ORDER OF HIGH PRIESTHOOD

ANNUAL CONVENTION OF THE PROVINCE OF ALBERTA

During the recess between sessions of the Convocation of the Grand Chapter, a Convention of Anointed High Priests was organized. M. Ex. Comp. Francis D. Jones, President of the Convention of Anointed High Priests of Montana; E. Comp. David Craig, of Conrad, Montana; E. Comp. Abraham Shaw, Kingston, Ontario, and a member of the Convention of Connecticut; and E. Comp. Melvin M. Downey, of Calgary, a member of the Convention of Montana, were present and organized the Convention of High Priests of the Province of Alberta.

Petitions for the Order were received from the following Companions:

- John E. Johnson, P.Z. of Calgary Chapter, No. 11.
- James N. Rankin, P.Z. of Alberta Chapter, No. 106.
- Norman T. Macleod, P.Z. of Shekinah Chapter, No. 4.
- Hiram Darling, P.Z. of North Star Chapter, No. 2.
- George B. MacLeod, P.Z. of North Star Chapter, No. 2.
- Robert C. Rankin, Z. of Crescent Chapter, No. 24.
- Alfred Glover, P.Z. of Crescent Chapter, No. 24.
- George L. Chesney, P.Z. of Crescent Chapter, No. 24.
- Walter E. Mercer, P.Z. of Otuskwan Chapter, No. 9.
- William A. Ackland, P.Z. of Otuskwan Chapter, No. 9.
- Harry J. Cole, Z. of Otuskwan Chapter, No. 9.
- William C. Black, Z. of Calgary Chapter, No. 11.
- George F. Butler, P.Z. of Strathmore Chapter, No. 21.
- Harold W. B. Bell, Z. of Strathmore Chapter, No. 21.
- Fred S. Watson, P.Z. of North Star Chapter, No. 2.
- T. C. Bruce, P.Z. of Bekah Chapter, No. 7.
- R. L. McIlveen, P.Z. of Banff Chapter, No. 20.
- J. A. McGhee, Z. of Joseph Stauffer Chapter, No. 22.
- W. A. Mahaffy, P.Z. of North Star Chapter, No. 2.
- H. D. McMillan, P.Z. of Kether Chapter, No. 8.
- J. E. Rannard, P.Z. of Shekinah Chapter, No. 4.
- F. E. Nichol, P.Z. of Mount Olivet Chapter, No. 17.
- R. C. Macdonald, P.Z. of North Star Chapter, No. 2.
- E. C. Macdonald, P.Z. of Hillvue Chapter, No. 15.
- J. R. Flan, P.Z. of Otuskwan Chapter, No. 9.
- G. W. Elliott, P.Z. of North Star Chapter, No. 2.
- R. H. Struthers, P.Z. of Bow Valley Chapter, No. 10.
- R. P. Umbrite, Z. of Bow Valley Chapter, No. 10.
- T. W. Bates, P.Z. of Bow Valley Chapter, No. 10.
- E. C. Locke, Z. of Coronation Chapter, No. 23.
- A. H. Duff, Z. of Alberta Chapter, No. 1.
- W. D. Graham, P.Z. of Mount Olivet Chapter, No. 17.
- W. J. Seed, P.Z. of Vermilion Chapter, No. 14.
- I. B. Sutherland, P.Z. of Bekah Chapter, No. 7.
- S. Middleton, Z. of Bekah Chapter, No. 7.
- M. B. Peacock, P.Z. of Alberta Chapter, No. 1.
- Oliver Cowin, Z. of The Hiram Chapter, No. 19.

All the above Companions being in waiting, they were introduced, anointed and consecrated in due and ancient form. The following Excellent Companions occupied the chairs:

- M. Ex. Comp. Francis D. Jones, President.
- Ex. Comp. Melvin M. Downey, Vice-President.
- Ex. Comp. Abraham Shaw, Chaplain.
- Ex. Comp. David Craig, Master of Ceremonies.

The election being held, the following officers were duly elected for the ensuing year:

OFFICERS ELECTED

- M. E. Comp. Melvin M. Downey Most Excellent President
- E. Comp. Norman T. Macleod Excellent Vice-President
- E. Comp. James N. Rankin Excellent Chaplain
- E. Comp. Hiram Darling Excellent Treasurer
- E. Comp. John E. Johnson Excellent Recorder

APPOINTMENTS

- E. Comp. George B. MacLeod Excellent Master of Ceremonies
- E. Comp. Jesse Elliott Excellent Conductor
- E. Comp. William T. Coote Excellent Herald
- E. Comp. Walter E. Mercer Excellent Steward
- E. Comp. William A. Ackland Excellent Organist
- E. Comp. William J. Seed Sentinel

EXPENSES PAID

On motion made and carried, the expenses of M. E. Comp. F. D. Jones and E. Comp. David Craig were voted to be paid.

HONORARY MEMBERS

On motion made and carried, M. E. Comp. Francis D. Jones, E. Comp. Abraham Shaw, and E. Comp. David Craig, were made Honorary Members of the Alberta Convention of High Priesthood.

CLOSING

The Grand Recorder reported the collection of fees aggregating \$185.00. The Convention was then closed in solemn form.

1921

The First Annual Convention of Anointed High Priests of the Province of Alberta, will be held at the City of Edmonton, on Wednesday, March 9th, 1921, at eight o'clock p.m.

APPENDIX

REPORT

OF THE

COMMITTEE

ON

CORRESPONDENCE

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON FRATERNAL RELATIONS AND CORRESPONDENCE

To the Most Excellent the Grand First Principal, Officers and
Members of the Grand Chapter of Alberta:

Most Excellent Sir and Brethren:

In the preparation of this report your Committee has adhered to the plan adopted three years ago, which it is believed affords opportunity of usefulness to the Royal Craft in Alberta, not attainable through the more extended and diffusive reports quite common elsewhere.

In our judgment, the report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence is matter for home consumption. Nearly 95% of those who read the report are members of Alberta Chapters, and it is needless to say they are not vitally interested in the small details that go to make up the very large proportion of the reports of the several Grand Chapters. What do the Companions of Alberta care that in Nevada, for instance, the Grand Chapter opened in Ample Form; that practically all the Chapters were represented; that twenty-five of the representatives of other jurisdictions were present; that a cordial welcome was extended to distinguished Companions; that certain distinguished members were introduced and appropriate responses made; that the Grand First Principal judging from his picture, is a fine looking fellow, etc., and yet these matters sometimes constitute a third of the space of the report of many Grand Jurisdictions.

Your Committee, in presenting their report in this form, trust that the Companions may be able to readily find the leading topics discussed by prominent Masons throughout the world. Lack of time and space is accountable for the brevity of this review.

Fraternally submitted,

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AFTER THE WAR

The War, has, however, left the world in a very different condition from that in which it found it. Our country, in common with every other part of the Empire to which we belong, and together with our gallant Allies, has battled through years of bitter struggle, and at a frightful expenditure of blood and treasure, for the maintenance of the highest ideals of personal liberty and democracy; and the period of reconstruction which is now before us imposes duties upon humanity scarcely less exacting than those which confronted us during the progress of hostilities.

Masonry must of necessity play a large part in this important work; not as some would have us believe, by thrusting herself forward as a separate and distinct organization into the field of political or public service, but by impressing all her initiates and all others within the sphere of her influence, with the duty of devoting themselves to the highest form of individual service to God and to Humanity. This is beautifully expressed by the Rev. Companion Cushing, of New York, in the following passage:

"We know what Masonry stands for, absolute loyalty to the great fundamental institutions of human society, Religion, the Home and the State. It is of inestimable importance and concern that we, as Masons, in our thoughts, our words, our actions and our lives should stand for the same things. The world has entered upon the great period of reconstruction. The Grand Masters of statesmanship in the Allied Nations are at work in Paris laying plans for the re-building of the House of the Lord, the great Temple of Humanity. Let us in a very real sense 'go up to help, aid and assist' them. Let us be 'willing to undertake any part of the work, even the most servile, to promote this noble and glorious work.' And we do this best by building up the Temple of our own Moral Life on new lines laid down on our Masonic trestleboard.

"My Companions, never in the history of the world were Masonry and Masons who are true to Masonry so much needed as at the present time. While Autocracy has been overthrown, the world is not yet safe from Democracy, not while anarchy crawls forth from its slime, stands with dagger drawn, bomb in hand proclaiming its hellish creed of class hatred and class warfare, the abrogation of every existing law, human and divine, and the reign of ignorance, immorality and crime in all the world.

"Our duty as Masons, as believers in the Fatherhood of God and the Brotherhood of Man is to fight it in every way we can, to oppose its propaganda in our country, to realize that every one who upholds it, whether he is an I.W.W. fanatic, or some lily-handed college professor, is in fact, if not in intent, a traitor to mankind.

"That it will ever prevail here, or long endure elsewhere, I do not believe. It will not prevail any more than Kaiserism prevailed and one of the strongest antidotes to this horrible disease of the body politic in our own country is Masonry.

"But the might of Masonry as a whole is the collective moral strength of individual Masons, and hence, the supreme appeal to us in all things is to live up to our Masonry, sternly to suppress anarchy of every kind in our thought and conduct, and to consecrate anew the *Forum Conscientiae*, the Lodge of the Soul, that Lodge where Conscience, Reason and Will should ever sit as the principal officers, and all other faculties of mind and body be in due subordination, and all work together in harmony to build up the Temple of a well ordered, true Masonic life."

(Quebec, 1919)

DECISIONS

Question: "A member "A" was at one time in good standing in a Lodge A.F. & A.M., and a R.A. Chapter. He dimitted from the Lodge but retained membership in the Chapter. He later petitioned for affiliation in a Lodge, but his petition was by ballot denied. He therefore, still carries his dimit and claims Chapter membership.

Answer: If "A" has not complied with Section 209, Book of Constitutions of the Grand Lodge of Colorado, by petitioning for affiliation within twelve months, he is a non-affiliate and therefore is not in "good standing" as required by Section 144, Constitution of the Grand Chapter R.A.M. of Colorado, and his Chapter membership is in suspension.

2. Question: A member "B" was for many years a member of a Lodge A.F. & A.M., and a R.A. Chapter. In course of time by virtue of the By-laws of the Chapter, he became a "Life Member" in that he was not required to pay dues. He demitted from his Lodge many years ago, but claims full Chapter membership as a life member.

Answer: "Life Membership" in a Chapter of Royal Arch Masons does not exempt the holder thereof from discipline by the Chapter of which he is a member. Failure to maintain membership in a Lodge of A.F. & A.M., as required by Section 209, *supra*, automatically suspends his membership in the Chapter, notwithstanding his "Life Membership."

3. Correcting error in 1919 Report (Canada, 1918):—

A Brother suspended for N.P.D. in a Craft Lodge is not automatically suspended in his Chapter.

DEGREES

1. Not more than one candidate should receive the Degrees at the same time. Custom, however, has countenanced the entrance of an unlimited number of candidates for the Most Excellent Master's Degree. In the Mark Master Degree one candidate only should be admitted, until after the obligation. Canada, 1919.

2. It is permissible to confer the Royal Arch Degree on more than three candidates at one time, provided the candidates are conducted in lots of three, and in no other manner. Canada, 1919.

3. A Chapter can only confer Degrees in its own meeting place, though its High Priest, with the attendance of his own officers, or others, may visit another Chapter at the request of its High Priest and in his presence there confer the Degrees for the latter. Minnesota, 1918.

4. A Chapter cannot confer Degrees outside of the place of its location. Nebraska, 1918.

5. Requests to confer Degrees by courtesy do not necessarily have to pass through the hands of the Grand High Priest. Washington, 1918.

DEMIT

1. The Companions of a dormant Chapter, whose books have been returned to the office of the Grand Scribe E., who are found clear on the books, or who subsequently make good all arrearages to the time the Chapter become dormant, should be furnished with a certificate of standing by the Grand Scribe E. Canada, 1919.

2. Dues cannot be collected from any Companion who is not a member of some Chapter, therefore no Chapter has a right to collect dues from a dimitted member. Iowa, 1918.

3. Dues for the year are payable on January First, and a dimit can only be issued after the same have been paid. Iowa, 1918.

4. A Companion is entitled to a dimit without payment of an extra year's dues, on account of the commencement of a new year, when his request is made early enough to have had it issued prior to the commencement of the new year. Minnesota, 1918.

5. A Companion who dimitts from his Lodge must be given reasonable time to affiliate elsewhere before being dropped from Chapter membership; then his name is automatically dropped and restored again immediately without ballot on affiliation with any Lodge. South Carolina, 1918.

6. A Chapter claimed by a By-law the right to have the Secretary grant a dimit on request, providing the dimitting Companion had paid all dues for the current year and was in good standing and report the same at the next regular meeting. It was held that such By-law was in conflict with the Constitution and could not prevail. Iowa, 1919.

DUES

A Chapter may remit dues of a Minister of the Gospel or Rabbi, whether in the naval or military service or not. Missouri, 1919.

EXAMINATION

An examination of candidates should be held in open Lodge by the officers ruling the Lodge. Canada, 1919.

FEES

A Dispensation to confer the Degrees upon soldiers for less than \$30.00 would violate the Constitution. Alabama, 1918.

INSTALLATION

The failure of the newly installed Z. to announce the selection of appointed officers on the night of Installation does not render the Installation illegal. Canada, 1919.

QUALIFICATION (Physical)

1. A brother on crutches from a disabled hip is not debarred from the Royal Arch Degree provided he can conform with the ceremonies pertaining to the Degree. Arkansas, 1918.

2. A Master Mason of good character and sound mind is not debarred from advancement in Royal Arch Masonry on account of physical disability acquired after his admission to Symbolic Masonry. Canada, 1919.

3. A brother who has lost his left hand is eligible for the Chapter Degrees. Oklahoma, 1919.

4. A candidate who, by the use of artificial limb, can give the grips and signs is eligible for the Capitular Degrees. Oregon, 1919.

5. A Chapter is the sole judge of the physical qualifications of a candidate. Oregon, 1919.

6. A Master Mason of twenty-five years' standing who has received the 32nd Degree but not the Capitular Degree, who has lost a portion of the left arm just below the elbow, is not eligible for the Capitular Degrees. Wisconsin, 1919.

MISCELLANEOUS

1. A Chapter must meet every three months, and no limits should issue unless passed upon in open Chapter. Canada, 1919.
2. A sufficient time should be allowed an objector to advancement of a candidate who has received the M.M. Degree to prefer charges at a stated meeting, but if not preferred in a reasonable time, conferring of the Degrees is warranted. Indiana, 1918.
3. Royal Arch Masonry cannot control the requirements of the Knights Templar Bodies as to the necessity of their members keeping themselves in good standing in their Chapters. Minnesota, 1918.
4. There is no way to elect a High Priest in case of removal of High Priest after his installation except by his resignation, and that of King and Scribe. Missouri, 1919.
5. Failure of a Committee to Investigation to report within four months is equivalent to an unfavorable report. Pennsylvania, 1918.

NEW CHAPTER

A re-application for recommendation for a new Chapter cannot lawfully be made for a period of twelve (12) months from date it was first refused. All the petitioners must be clear of dues and charges at time petition is submitted. Georgia, 1919.

OFFICE

1. No Companion is entitled to promotion, but is given such by the votes of his Companions. Canada, 1919.
2. Any Companion in good standing in his Chapter is eligible to any office within its gift. Iowa, 1918.

OPENING

1. It is not permissible for any Presiding Officer except the Grand Z. to close any Lodge or Chapter without the full ceremony. Canada, 1919.
2. All signs up to and including the Degree upon which opened, are necessary in opening and closing of Chapters. Oregon, 1919.

QUORUM

Three rule a Lodge; five hold a Lodge; seven or more make it perfect in Symbolic Masonry; but in Capitular Masonry nine members must be present to make it legal at a meeting of Mark Master Masons and Most Excellent Master Masons. Canada, 1919.

RE-INSTATEMENT

The payment of the amount of dues owing at the time of suspension entitles a Companion to reinstatement without payment of dues during time of suspension. Canada, 1919.

SUSPENSION

A notation of suspension on the Chapter Ledger is of no effect until it is made a matter of record in the Chapter minutes. Iowa, 1918.

VOTING

1. A Companion can be excused from voting upon a petition. If not excused and he refuses to vote, he would be liable for charges for un-Masonic conduct. North Dakota, 1918.

2. It is proper to vote collectively on a number of candidates. Tennessee, 1919.

WAIVER

1. A Chapter cannot waive Jurisdiction over one whose petition has been received and referred to a Committee. Missouri, 1919.

2. A waiver is the action of a Chapter and must be done by the Chapter when in session at a regular Convocation only. Missouri, 1919.

3. A waiver of Jurisdiction in a foreign Jurisdiction does not give permission to receive a petition from one who has not resided in the Jurisdiction six months. South Carolina, 1918.

4. A Chapter having elected a Brother who removes from the Jurisdiction before he receives the Degrees, can waive its Jurisdiction in favor of a particular Chapter. South Carolina, 1918.

5. The Grand High Priest has no authority to waive Jurisdiction over a resident of Tennessee. Tennessee, 1919.

DELINQUENT MEMBERS

The following remarks of the Grand High Priest of California are well worthy of consideration:

"It is noticed, with some measure of regret, that each year our Grand Secretary reports a considerable number of Companions suspended for non-payment of dues. One hundred and ninety-six are reported for this year. A few of these Companions in due time reinstate themselves, but many are permanently lost to us as members.

"This condition, I feel assured, may be corrected to a great extent by more careful attention on the part of Subordinate Chapters. I am informed that some Chapters in this Jurisdiction, for one, two, three and four years, and even a longer period, carry these delinquents on their rolls, and oftentimes suspend them after that length of time has passed. Such practice is a violation of our law. Our Constitution provides that any member who shall be six months in arrears for dues shall be immediately notified thereof by the Secretary; and if the said dues shall not be paid at or before the next State Meeting, or some sufficient reason be presented for such non-payment by such delinquent member, he shall be suspended from all the rights and privileges of Royal Arch Masonry.

"Irrespective of the fact that Chapters should observe this law because it is a law, it would seem that there would be fewer permanent

deflections from our ranks in this section if our Constitution were enforced than by permitting the dues of delinquent members to accrue for several years. It is reasonable to believe that it is less burdensome for a member to pay, six months dues than it is for him to pay a sum that has accumulated for several years.

"I believe the importance of this matter deserves the pursuance of some effective course of action by the Chapters.

"It is known that some Masonic Bodies in this State have adopted the plan of appointing a Committee on Delinquent Members, the duty of the Committee being to investigate separately each case of delinquency. A personal call by a committeeman is made on the member for the purpose of ascertaining the reason why he has not paid his dues, or if an out of town resident, a letter is sent to him with the same purpose in view. If possible, information is obtained as to the ability of the member to pay his dues. The Body then acts on the report of the Committee. I offer the suggestion in the firm belief that it is of value to our Chapters."

DISPENSATIONS

1. A dispensation was granted to ballot for well known candidates at a special Convocation of Chapter, they failing to receive a quorum at their regular Convocation. Florida, 1919.

2. A dispensation was refused to a Chapter to hold their Annual Election of officers on a date prior to the regular Convocation at which the election should take place, their regular Convocation falling upon Christmas Day, when the necessary quorum could scarcely be expected to attend. Quebec, 1919.

3. The Grand High Priest declined to give blanket dispensation for a Chapter to at will "receive and ballot on petitions of brethren subject to draft." Virginia, 1918.

4. The Grand High Priest refused to permit a Chapter to receive and act on petitions of Master Masons residing in the Jurisdiction of another Chapter "because it was more convenient for them to petition" the one Chapter than the other. Virginia, 1918.

5. The Grand High Priest refused the following request: "Rush wire dispensation for special meetings, waiving statutory time limit account of so many applicants desirous of receiving Shrine before June 26th." Wyoming, 1919.

DUTIES OF GRAND REPRESENTATIVES

The Grand Chapter of Idaho passed the following resolution:

RESOLVED, That it be the duty of each Grand Representative of Sister Jurisdictions near this Grand Chapter to address a short report of the proceedings of this Grand Chapter to the Grand Secretary of the Grand Chapter he represents, and that a copy of this report be also forwarded to the Grand Secretary of this Grand Jurisdiction, to be read at the next Grand Convocation.

CHARITY

1. A charitable fund of \$50,000.00 has been raised by the Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of England to celebrate the fiftieth anniversary of the establishment of the same, and a record of the disbursements to its beneficiaries is published in last year's proceedings.

2. "The word Charity has practically lost its meaning in these later days, and now seems to convey the intention of the giving of money to more or less deserving applicants. I totally disagree with this conception of the word, when applied to Masonry. To my mind it is to extend to a Brother, who is in distress, or who may have done wrong, or who may have committed a grave crime against the laws of the country, kindly sympathy and assistance as may be justified in a case under consideration. Do not mistake my meaning, I am unalterably opposed to the mantle of Masonic Charity covering the wrong doing of any kind, either Masonic or civil, but, I think, true Masonic Charity consists in a friendly interest and kindly sympathy to a Brother, whose pathway of life has not been of the rosiest, and in overlooking small personal faults and characteristic sins of omission and commission, and all the frailties to which the human flesh is heir. No man is perfect, we have all our faults, some good in a greater or less degree, some bad in a greater or less degree, and our Masonic Charity should pardon and condone to the utmost, that strict justice will permit; but Masonic Benevolence is of another character, and brings to our minds certain definite duties, which we as Masons, owe to each other, and to the dependents of each other. Many, in fact all Masonic Grand Bodies have a Rest or Reserve Fund for Brethren suffering from the misfortunes of life. Its administration is expressed in many different forms such as Masonic Homes, Orphan Asylums, School, and direct money grants.

"It is not my purpose to discuss the different forms in which the disbursal of Masonic Benevolence may be made, because each form has many good points, but rather to invite your attention to the fact, that owing to the great number of fraternal benificent societies now operating in our country, there seems to be a subconscious feeling, in many cases, that grants from Masonic Benevolent Funds are a *quid pro quo* for money paid into the craft. This sentiment cannot be too strongly condemned, as grants from Masonic Benevolence are in on wise similar to money paid for insurance to the different Fraternal Insurance Organizations, and must ever be regarded, as one of the sacred privileges of Masonry, whereby the Brethren, freely and voluntary, extend to a needy Brother such help as may be needful in the time of trouble.

"I trust that I have made made myself clear because, I again approach the subject of the Returned Soldier. In this connection the soldier who has become disabled will receive his pension, according to the classification of his disabilities. He will also be enabled, in many cases, to make a fair compensation by following some special vocation but there still remains a class which will require Masonic Benevolence, and it is in behalf of these cases that I now ask your attention.

"It is true that the Grand Chapter of Canada has a Reserve Fund, but it is questionable to my mind, if this Fund will be sufficient to honor the necessary drafts which will be made upon it in the near future. It is not my intention to lay before you any particular scheme for raising money for the Benevolent Fund of Grand Chapter, but merely to direct your attention to the fact, that we may be called upon, in the near future,

to make a fairly substantial addition to this Fund. I hope that it will not be necessary to do so, but if the necessity arises, I entertain no doubt, but that the emergency will be met with that promptitude which has characterized our actions as Royal Arch Masons in the past." (Grand Z.'s Address, Canada, 1919).

3. The care of the helpless Masons, their widows and orphans is, in the opinion of your Committee, peculiarly the prerogative and province of the Grand Lodge, and particularly so since the enterprise has already begun and has made considerable progress. We, therefore, believe that it would not only be courteous, but also wise and considerate to consult the wishes of the Grand Lodge before commencing the undertaking contemplated and suggested by the Grand High Priest. To that end, therefore, we recommend that a Committee composed of the Grand High Priest, King and Scribe be authorized to take this matter up with the Trustees of the Masonic Home and ascertain the wishes of the Grand Lodge relative to it and make report to this Grand Chapter at its next Annual Convocation. Georgia, 1919.

INDIANA MASONIC HOME

"The Chapters of Indiana and the Grand Chapter have always taken a lively interest in the great enterprise so dear to the hearts of all Masons of whatever Degree—the Indiana Masonic Home. Some information to the Companions will not be amiss. The splendid donation made in 1918 was much appreciated and of great help in the erection of an additional building to care for the orphans of our deceased brethren and companions. The splendid donations from members of the State and from all Masonic Bodies have warranted the Directors in beginning the erection of an additional cottage with a capacity for forty children. This building so very much needed was to be completed by November 1st, but the disturbed conditions along many lines have delayed the contractor to the extent that the cottage will not be ready for occupancy before January 1st, next.

"There are now in the Home about seventy bright and happy boys and girls, of whom you may feel justly proud. There are also in the Home nearly one hundred dear old people who seem to be entirely content. It is a happy family down at the Home at Franklin, and the Grand Chapter is entitled to much credit for its loyalty and assistance."

CONCURRENT JURISDICTION

The concurrent jurisdiction between this jurisdiction and those of our Sister States of North Dakota and Nebraska has proven beneficial and satisfactory. The Chapters along our Northern border have been greatly strengthened through the efforts of this regulation. South Dakota, 1919.

FRATERNAL RECOGNITION

Your Committee of Foreign Correspondence, to which has been referred the application of the Grand Chapter of Queensland, asking for recognition by this Grand Chapter and an exchange of Representatives, begs leave to report that only five Chapters out of between 30 and 40 in that Jurisdiction took part in the formation of the Grand Chapter in question.

Your Committee, therefore, recommends that no action be taken at this time upon the application in question, but that time be accorded to the Committee for obtaining further information on the subject, and for additional consideration of the same. Quebec, 1919.

2. Your Committee on Correspondence, to whom has been referred the matter of recognition of the Grand Chapter of Queensland, submits the following report:

On July 9, 1918, there was formed by resolution the Supreme Grand Chapter of Queensland, and on August 13 following, its officers were elected and installed. Five Chapters were represented during these proceedings. There are thirty-nine Chapters in Queensland, including two District Grand Chapters as follows: The District Grand Chapter of England, with fifteen Chapters; the District Grand Chapter of Scotland, with nineteen Chapters; one Chapter holding under the Irish Constitution, and four Chapters holding under the New South Wales Constitution. Of these thirty-nine Chapters, but five were represented, the balance declining to participate.

Under these circumstances your Committee is of the opinion that recognition should be withheld for the present. S. Dakota, 1919.

3. In re recognition of the Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Queensland, Australia. Your Committee has given this matter such consideration as was possible, with the data before it, and think it inadvisable to recommend recognition at this time.

Judging from the summary of the proceedings leading up to the organization of the Supreme Royal Arch Chapter of Queensland furnished your Committee, there are within the Jurisdiction claimed by this Grand Chapter fifteen Subordinate Chapters holding allegiance to the Supreme Royal Arch Chapter of England, and segregated as a District Grand Chapter of this Grand Jurisdiction. Also nineteen Subordinate Chapters holding allegiance to the Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Scotland, and segregated as a District Grand Chapter of that Grand Jurisdiction.

The Chapters joining in the movement to organize a Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Queensland are only five; one under the Irish Constitution, and four under the Constitution of New South Wales. The Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Alabama occupies fraternal relations with all the Grand Chapters likely to be affected, and therefore should withhold recognition pending action by these Grand Bodies, or until it is made to appear that a respectable number of Subordinate Chapters in the Jurisdiction claimed by the Supreme Royal Arch Chapter of Queensland shall have properly severed their present allegiance and transferred it to the Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Queensland. Alabama, 1918.

4. Two new Grand Chapters will ask for recognition at our next Convocation.

The Supreme Grand Chapter of British Columbia enters the Capitular field, with bright prospects, and a "God bless you, my child," from its parent, the Supreme Grand Chapter of Canada.

The Supreme Grand Chapter of Queensland have ventured forth under less auspicious circumstances. It was organized by five Royal Arch Chapters and Mark Lodges. One of these Chapters was of the Constitution of Ireland, from which it obtained dimission (see Ireland). The remaining four had been constituted by the Supreme Grand Chapter of New South Wales under most emphatic protests from the Supreme Grand Chapters of both England and Scotland, against this, as it was termed, "invasion of their Jurisdiction rights." England had fifteen Chapters organized as a District Grand Chapter, and Scotland had nineteen organized in the same manner. These were all notified of the steps being taken, as to the promotion of a Supreme Grand Chapter of Queensland, but none of them took any part in its organization. The Supreme Grand Chapter of Scotland has issued a notice to its Constituent Chapters interdicting and debarring them from giving Masonic recognition and intercourse to the Chapters in New South Wales and Queensland, giving their allegiance to the local Grand Chapters or Grand Mark Lodges.

A report of England's action in the matter has not yet come to hand, but we think enough has been stated to show that the new Supreme Grand Chapter of Queensland is confronting a very serious problem if its object is, as we presume it to be, to form a nucleus for the unification of Royal Arch Masonry in Queensland. Nova Scotia, 1919.

The Sub-Committee appointed by the Executive Committee of this Grand Chapter, to consider the Petitions from the Companions of British Columbia, for the formation of a Grand Chapter, desire to express the high esteem in which the Companions of British Columbia are held by this Grand Chapter, and deeply regret the severance of our beloved Companions from the Mother Chapter.

Yet as the Grand Chapter of Canada has placed on record their willingness to co-operate with the Companions of the various provinces, in the promotion of the Royal Craft, join with our Most Excellent the Grand Z. in wishing them every success in their endeavors, and also rejoice in their ability and strength in forming a Grand Chapter of the Holy Royal Arch. Therefore, we recommend that the prayer of the petitioners be granted.

Furthermore, we recommend that the sum of One Thousand Dollars be paid to the said Grand Chapter of British Columbia, payable in two instalments of Five Hundred Dollars each, the first of the 1st of August, 1919, and the second on the 1st of January, 1920. Canada, 1919.

MEETINGS

Much confusion and many dispensations could be avoided by change in By-laws regarding meetings, particularly annuals.

There are still forty-nine Chapters which cling to the antiquated moon schedule, seven less than last year. On this subject the Grand High Priest of Tennessee has this to say:

"Since the days of Joshua, the great general of Israelites in their wanderings in the desert—the one who commanded the sun to stand still upon Gideon and the moon in the Valley of Ajalon, that he might have a little more daylight in which to whip the enemy—the moon has, on several occasions, played sad havoc with the meeting nights of Lodges

and Chapters, many of which provide that the stated meeting shall be held a certain day of the week 'on or before (or after) the full of the moon of each month.' As a result, once in a while some of them wake up to the fact that occasionally the moon gets 'full' too soon in the month for them to have a meeting night, and just as often she is not 'full' until too late in the month. They then rush to the Grand High Priest for a dispensation to elect officers at another time. As long as Chapters cling to the old notion that the members must have 'moonshine' in order to get home, or rather, as this is a bone-dry State, that the moon must be 'Full' of 'moonshine' to enable them to see their way over 'rough and rugged roads,' just so long will there be trouble with their meeting nights. In this day and generation, all the farmers have Fords, run by gasoline—not 'moonshine'—with bright lights in front to show them the way, and it matters not how much or how little 'moonshine' they have, provided they have enough gasoline, the Fords will bring them safely to their homes, even if there be no moon to shine."

Chapter By-laws could also be amended so as to provide that when a regular convocation falls upon January 1, July 4, December 24 or 25, such convocation shall be held one week earlier or later. Each Chapter may regulate this by its own By-laws. Michigan, 1919.

MORALS vs. PHYSIQUE

One of the lessons of the initiate is that "it is the internal and not the external qualifications of a man which recommends him to be made a Mason, and yet we are prone to overlook any little stain on the moral character and waive any defect in the mental ability of the petitioner that renders him incapable of properly understanding or comprehending the principles of our fraternity.

We are not willing to sit in judgment upon the intellectual attainments—or rather, the lack of them—of one who desires to connect himself with our ancient and honorable institution, but we never overlook a stiff knee or waive the loss of a foot or the first joint of a thumb. In so doing we deny membership to many men of big brain and warm hearts, men of good moral character, men whose mental ability and intellectual attainments should be of great benefit to the craft and of greater benefit to the world by reason of their association with us and their help in the great work in which we are engaged.

The requirement that an acceptable petitioner shall be perfect in member, comes to us from the days of operative Masonry, when there were probably good reasons therefor, but has little to commend it and so much to condemn it. It is time to modify it, even at the risk of shattering what might be termed a Landmark.

I believe that intellectually, morally and socially the effect upon the candidate and upon the Craft would be beneficial if by amending or modifying the present law concerning physical perfection or qualifications we look more closely into the intellectual, moral and social qualifications of the petitioner, and admit those only who are worthy and well qualified from these three standpoints and waive such slight physical requirements as now prohibit the reception of a petitioner who cannot perfectly exemplify." Michigan, 1919.

PRACTICAL FREEMASONRY

On June 29th, 1919, after viewing the destruction wrought by the Cyclone at Fergus Falls, consultation with the Master of Corner Stone Lodge, No. 99, High Priest of Fergus Falls Chapter, No. 27, Eminent Commander of Palestine Commandery, No. 14, and the officers of the Grand Chapter there present, and learning that a large number of the members of our fraternity had lost everything, home, clothing, furniture, —all; and believing that this was an opportunity for a practical illustration of the charity which we teach, a circular was issued calling upon each Subordinate Chapter for small contributions for relief of our Companions that had suffered loss by the hand of Providence. This fund was to be disbursed by a Committee composed of the presiding officers of the several Masonic Bodies at Fergus Falls, who will make report to this Grand Chapter of their doings.

The response was prompt, and all that could be expected, and I feel that a good work has been accomplished, and the load of several Companions made lighter when it seemed more than they could bear, and a ray of sunshine thrown into a future that looked dark indeed, to them. Minnesota, 1919.

QUALIFICATION OF OFFICERS

The law of the Grand Chapter requires that each High Priest elect shall procure from the Deputy Grand Lecturer of his District, a certificate of qualification before he can be installed; in Districts where no Deputies have yet been appointed, communicate with the Grand Lecturer direct. California, 1919.

SOLICITATION OF MEMBERS

Comment has been made pro and con with reference to solicitation of members. Most of the Grand Jurisdictions feel that it is proper for a Chapter Mason to approach a Blue Lodge man with reference to his joining the Chapter. Some of the Grand High Priests commenting thereon, feel that the solicitation should come from the Blue Lodge members. The latter, however, appear to be in the minority. California, 1919 (Foreign Correspondence).

THE ROYAL ARCH EMBLEM—WARVELLE

"Of late I came across complaints by Grand High Priests, that the Chapters, on their official stationery, are not using the Royal Arch Emblem, but are displaying the keystone and other devices. The keystone, however, has long been regarded as a proper capitular emblem, and, in my early days, was constantly employed in that capacity. Indeed, there are many old Masons who would scarcely recognize the authorized emblem if they were to see it, and who still carry on the watch-chain a keystone as the special Capitular insignia. The generally accepted emblem at the present time, both in Great Britain and America, is the triple tau within a triangle surrounded by a circle. But just what the real significance of this emblem is no one seems to know. Of course, the triangle and the circle are easy of explanation, as representing the essence and attributes of the Diety. But the triple tau is still something of mystery. And so, perhaps, the Chapters which still cling to the old familiar keystone are not as much in fault as some of the G.H.P.'s would have them.

The tau, which got its name from the Greek letter T, in ecclesiastical circles is called the Tau Cross, sometimes the Cross of St. Anthony and is claimed by many to be the original form of the Cross used in executions. As usually depicted in the triple form, it resembles a T resting on the reverse bar of an H. This has led to the explanation that it was the private mark of our Grand Master, Hiram the Tyrian. Others say it refers to the Temple at Jerusalem, being the initials of the name Templum Hierosolymae. Still others assert that it is only a modification of the Hebrew letter shin, which was one of the Jewish abbreviations of the sacred name; and there are many who contend that it is an early Christian monogram to represent the Holy Trinity. And so, you see, that its signification is a matter of much doubt and that its real meaning, whatever it may be, is veiled in obscurity.

"Such being the case, I presume every one is at liberty to draw a conclusion for himself. And this is often done. Thus, I have seen it stated that it really represents three T squares and alludes to the three jewels worn by the three ancient Grand Masters. Well, perhaps that is as good an explanation as any, as our emblem is not merely a tau but a triple tau.

"The English Royal Arch Lecturer says of it, that 'by its intersection it forms a given number of angles that may be taken in five several combinations; and, reduced, their amount in right angles will be found equal to the five Platonic Bodies which represent the four elements and the sphere of the Universe.' All of which may be true; and yet, I am bound to confess I do not find the statement very illuminating. How does it strike you?

"It has further been suggested by Bro. Mackey, that the Prophet Ezekiel speaks of the tau as a mark which distinguished those who were to be saved on account of their repentance of their sins, from those who persisted in their sinful course and were to be slain. The tau, therefore, was a mark or sign of favorable distinction, and as such the triple tau is employed in the Royal Arch Degree, as a mark designating and separating those who know and worship the true name of God, from those who are ignorant of that august mystery. This is one of the many ingenious speculations which the use of our emblem has brought forth, and candor compels us to say that it is a very good one.

"While the triple tau has long been an emblem of English Royal Arch Masonry, it does not seem to have been officially recognized in this country until 1859. In that year the General Grand Chapter, at its triennial convention at Chicago, adopted specifications for the Masonic clothing of a Royal Arch Mason. These provided, among other things, for a white lamb-skin apron, 'with a triple tau cross within a triangle, and that within a circle on the flap.' At the annual convocation of the Grand Chapter of Illinois, held in the same year (1859), the Masonic clothing 'as defined by the General Grand Chapter' was duly adopted for use in this Jurisdiction. So far as my observation has extended this is the only action had in Illinois with respect to the emblem.

"But ten years prior to the incident just shown, Grand Chapter had adopted another old English emblem, which is now depicted on our official seal. It consists of two interlaced triangles, Masonically known as the sign of Macrocosm, or Seal of Solomon. Under a number of occasions this device has been officially employed by Grand Chapter as a Royal Arch emblem. As, see the medal struck to commemorate the semi-centennial celebration in 1890.

"And so, it seems we have at least two officially recognized Royal Arch Emblem. Take your choice." North Dakota, 1919.

THE SASH

"At the last Convocation of Grand Chapter, at which the Constitution was revised, legislation was passed obliterating the Sash from the Regalia worn by Royal Arch Masons. This action has been strongly resented in many portions of the Grand Jurisdiction; and a Notice of Motion has already been placed upon the Agenda Paper, asking that the legislation of last year be reconsidered and the Sash restored. I trust that this will be given complete and full consideration, that the debate upon the question will be final, and that every member of Grand Chapter who desires to do so, will express his personal opinion upon the question." Canada, 1919.

It was moved by M. Ex. Comp. W. S. R. Murch, seconded by M. Ex. Comp. A. Shaw, and unanimously

RESOLVED, That the Constitution be amended by inserting between Sections 275 and 276, page 70, of the Constitution (1918) the following Sections respecting the Sash to be worn by members of the Order in this Jurisdiction:

275a—The Sash of the Order shall be of four-inch indented (crimson diamond outside) with silk fringe at the ends, and is to be worn over the left shoulder, passing obliquely to the right side. The Sash of Principals and Past Z's of Constituent Chapters shall have gold fringe or bullion instead of silk.

275b—The Sash of present and past officers of the Grand Chapter shall be a tricolor ribbon of purple, crimson and pale blue, four inches wide, with gold fringe or bullion at the ends. Canada, 1919.

PROFANITY

"The Royal Arch Mason is under no greater obligation than to reverence the name of God; profanity is, therefore, unmasonic; yet many thoughtlessly fall into this habit. I have never exalted a candidate during the last year without emphasizing this important point, and the results have been good. I commend to my successor and the High Priests the continuation of this effort to stamp out profanity." Alabama, 1918.

CONDUCT UNBECOMING ROYAL ARCH MASONS

It having been brought to the attention of the Grand High Priest of Ohio that levity, rough usage of candidates, etc., was the practice in one of the Chapters of that Jurisdiction, and that special paraphernalia had been prepared to make matters as ridiculous as possible for the candidates, a la Shrine, he cited the Chapter to appear at the Annual Convocation with their Charter ready for surrender. The Committee to whom the matter was referred recommended that the Charter be arrested, and authorized the Grand High Priest to restore it "upon proper representations and promises of good behavior," which was adopted. Stringent laws to prevent the conferring of the Degrees in any other manner than prescribed in the Ritual were adopted. This is referred to by Companion John H. Miller, correspondent of the Grand Chapter, of Missouri, in the following manner:

"Those who make light of sacred things and seek amusement by humiliating the candidate must learn a lesson from the following circumstance: 'An elderly stranger, who was really a distinguished scholar, but unknown personally in the community where he happened to be, was passing a college at an hour when the students were gathered on the campus. As he was walking along a student cried aloud in Latin, 'Abraham is going by.' A second boy carried on the joke by shouting in Greek, 'Isaac is going by.' A third continued the sport by calling to his companions in Hebrew, 'Jacob is going by.' To their astonishment and confusion the stranger stopped, lifted his hat, made a bow and said, 'Young gentlemen, I am neither Abraham, Isaac or Jacob; I am Saul, the son of Kish. My father sent me out to round up a bunch of his asses that strayed away. I am glad to find three of them in your midst.'" Tennessee, 1920 (Foreign Correspondence).

ORDER OF HIGH PRIESTHOOD

Dr. Alberta G. Mackey, in his *Masonic Ritualistic*, published in 1867, says:

"No allusion to it can be found in any ritual works out of America, nor even here anterior to about the end of the last and beginning of this century. Webb is the first who mentions it, and gives it a place in the series of Capitular Degrees. It is probable that it was established by Webb at the same time that he gave that form to the Prestonian lectures and ceremonies of the inferior Degrees which have since so universally obtained in this country. If so, we may make a guess, and a guess only, at the source whence he derived his general idea of the Degrees. In 1780, a Masonic rite was founded at Berlin, Prussia, called the "Initiated Brothers of Asia." It was a philosophical rite, intended to give what was supposed to be a true explanation of all Masonic symbolism. The Fifth Degree of this rite was entitled "Melchizedek, or the Royal Priest." It is possible that this Degree may have suggested to Webb his idea of the 'Order of High Priesthood.'

"This Order is an honorarium, or gift of honor, to be bestowed upon the High Priest of a Royal Arch Chapter, and consequently no one is legally entitled to receive it until he has been duly elected to preside as High Priest in a regular Chapter of Royal Arch Masons. This Order should not be conferred when a less number than three duly qualified High Priests are present. Whenever the ceremony is performed in due and ample form, the assistance of at least nine High Priests, who have received it is requisite.

"Though the High Priest of every regular Arch Chapter, having himself been duly qualified, can confer the Order, under the preceding limitations as to number, yet it is desirable, when circumstances will permit, that it should be conferred by the Grand High Priest, of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter, or such present or past High Priest as he may designate for that purpose. A convencion notified to meet at the time of any convocation of the Grand Chapter will afford the best opportunity of conferring this important and exalted order with appropriate solemnity." Tennessee, 1920.

EFFICIENCY OF OFFICERS

"I would strongly recommend to every Companion who is seeking office in his Chapter, whether from the lowest to the highest, to make himself proficient in the work that he will be called upon to perform in the several Degrees, thus doing away with the practice which is so often used, of getting a past officer to take charge, while the Degrees are being worked.

"It would make each officer more independent and self-reliant, and in the case of the presiding officer, he would not have to surrender his chair, but at all times be in full command of his Chapter, at the same time there should be every opportunity given to the past officer, to give some portion of the work to be performed and thus keep the older ex-officers in close touch with the work they have so much at heart.

"It is a very pleasing sight to have the Degrees properly exemplified and this pleasure is considerably added to, when most of the work is done by the regular officers of the year. I am sure the Past Officers are always ready and willing to help, aid, and assist, and advantage should be taken at all times of their assistance, yet, those who have accepted office should see that they themselves are proficient. I make these observations in the pure spirit of Masonry, and void of all harping criticism, for I feel sure that the spirit and intention of Grand Chapter is, that each Subordinate Chapter be proficient in every respect, but if the practice is persisted in of the past officers being always called upon to exemplify the work, what state of chaos can we expect in those Chapters, when those worthy pillars of our noble Craft are called away? It must shake the Chapter to its very foundation, by the loss so sustained. Therefore, I say to the young Companions, always be ready and prepared. Nova Scotia, 1919.

In general I desire to call attention to the duty of every Chapter to keep itself in shape during war time. No unnecessary expenditures should be made, but all the essentials should be taken care of. The members should attend meetings as often as they can, and every reasonable effort should be made to get good candidates. We must build for the future in adverse times as well as in prosperous ones. The officers should be so familiar with their rituals that the work may be well done, and the member interested. No member goes to Chapter to hear poor work and while he may be a staunch friend of the officer who does poor work and try to excuse him, he feels in his heart that there is no real excuse for accepting an office and then neglecting to learn the work.

More important than this is the general knowledge of the object of our great institution. The member who has not a broad general understanding of the meaning of Masonic teachings, is not fit to honor an office, and he doesn't. Make the members feel that you believe in the teachings, and convince them by skilled delivery of the work that you take an interest in it.

I would like to also call attention to the unreasonable delays that sometimes characterize Degree Work. If the work is well in hand, and the workers well drilled, it goes off with a snap and in half the time. It is interesting and keeps up the vim of members. There are many old members that get tired when the work drags.

You cannot drift and succeed. Eternal vigilance and industry will enthuse even the Sphinx. On the outside pick out likely candidates for the Royal Arch Chapters and by legitimate ways interest them in the work. Be constructive and alive.

Officers and members often meet with criticism and become discouraged. If you are not more sensible than sensitive you cannot succeed. Nevada, 1918.

CONCLUSION

Companions, may the teachings of the Royal Craft be as a beacon light, calling you to higher resolutions and nobler deeds. May your light so shine that others will conclude that your labor in the quarries has been worth while and without personal thought of fee or reward, be ready to spend and be spent in the cause of humanity.

"It makes no difference who sang the song,
 If only the song was sung;
 It makes no difference who did the deed,
 Be he old in years or young;
 It makes no difference who run the race,
 So long as the race was run;
 So, why should the winner be proud of himself
 Because it was he who won?"

If the song was sweet and helped a soul,
 What matters the singer's name?
 The worth was in the song itself,
 And not in the world's acclaim.
 The song, the race and the deed are one,
 If each be done for love;
 Love of the work (not love of self),
 And the score is kept above."

Fraternally submitted,

S. Y. TAYLOR,

Chairman, Fraternal Correspondence Committee.

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RECOMMENDATIONS ADOPTED AT THIS GRAND CHAPTER CONVOCATION

That all moon schedules for stated convocations be abolished. It is an antiquated idea and not necessary with the present means of transportation. It is certainly confusing as to dates and complicates affairs of the Chapters.

That providing a Grand Representative fail to attend the Grand Chapter Convocation for three consecutive years, the office of Grand Representative of that Jurisdiction be declared vacant and the incoming Grand Z recommend a new appointment.

ADDRESSES OF GRAND SUPERINTENDENTS

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District No. 5—John Allan	Macleod

Copies of the Summons calling Convocations should be sent to the Grand Z., the Grand Scribe E. and to the Superintendent of the District in which the Chapter is located.

To Scribes E.

PLEASE OBSERVE AND COMPLY WITH THE FOLLOWING:

Acknowledge to the Grand Scribe E. the *receipt* of the Proceedings of the Grand Chapter—one copy to be retained by the Scribe E and one by each of the three Principals.

The financial year of Subordinate Chapters *ends* the 31st *December*, and Scribes E are required to forward their returns to the Grand Scribe E IMMEDIATELY THEREAFTER.

All cheques should be made PAYABLE AT PAR at Calgary.

Write the names of Companions *in full*, plainly, in the returns, so that there may be no errors in filling out the Grand Chapter Certificate. Also see that the AGE, OCCUPATION and PLACE OF RESIDENCE are not omitted. Where deaths are included, THE DATE OF DECEASE should accompany the record.

Send a full list of the officers of your Chapter immediately after installation.

The list of Companions suspended *must be read out at the next Regular Convocation following the receipt of these Proceedings.*

Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons of Alberta

Elected Officers for 1920

M. E. Comp. Norman T. Macleod.....	Grand Z
R. E. Comp. Hiram Darling.....	Grand H
R. E. Comp. William T. Coote.....	Grand J
R. E. Comp. John E. Johnson.....	Grand Scribe E
R. E. Comp. David McIntosh.....	Grand Scribe N
R. E. Comp. Howard F. Fletcher.....	Grand Treasurer
R. E. Comp. George B. McLeod.....	Grand Prin. Sojourner
R. E. Comp. Joseph C. Morris.....	Grand Registrar

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The Seventh Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Alberta will be held in the City of Edmonton, on Wednesday, the 9th day of March, 1921, at 10.00 o'clock a.m.
